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£100,000 FANTASY FOOTBALL: CHECK YOUR TEAMS SCORES TODAY PAGES 26 and 27 Give a second chance, says minister Don't expel drug takers, schools told

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

CHILDREN who experiment with drugs should not be expelled from school automatically, teachers will be told in government guidelines to be published tomorrow. Estelle Morris, the School Standards Minister, told inde-

pendent school headmistresses yesterday that she understood parents' desire for "zero tolerance", but it was often better to give a second chance to lessen the risk of children sliding into regular usage. In a speech to the Girls'

Schools Association in Glasgow, Ms Morris said drug takers' welfare must be balanced against the need for punishment and the protection of the wider school community. Dealers would normally be expelled, but many head teachers would take a different view of "someone found with cannabis in their pockets".

The remarks were condemned immediately by a headteachers' leader. John Dunford, general secretary of the Secondary Heads Associaoon, said the authority of head teachers would be undermined, "Any kind of pressure on heads in this direction is unwelcome. There is a need to give a very strong message to children. It is difficult enough to keep schools out of the drugs scene," he said.

The guidelines on drug education, produced in consulta-tion with Keith Hellawell, the Government's "drugs czar". will aim to reduce expulsions.

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Morris: no "zero tolerance"

which have doubled in the past five years to more than 12,000 a year in state schools. They will advocate specialist education from the age of five and use of a wider range of punishments for drugs offences.



"So what if teacher's coming, it's cannabis, not tobacco"

However, Ms Morris ruled out random testing of drug-taking pupils at state schools as a condition of continued attendance. Many independent schools - no figures for expulsions were available - test pupils involved with drugs. with parents' agreement, but ministers believe legal difficuloes would prove insurmountable in the state system.

Ms Morris emphasised that schools would remain free to expel even for possession. They will still be expected to report drugtakers to police, al-though most such cases now result only in a caution. She added: "There has got to be a bottom line in drug education that taking drugs is harmful and wrong. That has always got to be the basic message."

Ms Morris added: "Drugs are a crime but they are also a welfare problem." Automatic expulsion could deprive children of support they needed to break a cycle of dependency. Once young people had been found taking drugs, it was usually too late to "sit them down and tell them not to do it, she said. Other agencies had to be brought in.

The guidelines will form part of the Government's effort to reduce exclusions by a third by 2002.

Mr Dunford said head teachers would feel trapped between parents demanding a hard line on drugs and local authorities anxious to meet



A bewigged Lord Irvine of Lairg, wearing his breeches, tights and buckle shoes

Lord Chancellor told he may abandon breeches

By James Landale, Political correspondent

Ousting Saddam is now West's aim

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR yesterday committed Britain to working with the United States to secure the removal of President Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq. In an apparent extension of Britain's aims in the long-running conflict with Saddam. Mr Blair said he was looking with the Americans at ways in which opposition parties could

be bolstered and 'improving the possibility of removing Saddam Hussein altogether." We want to see the Iraqi people governed by a regime other than that of Saddam Hussein," he told William

In a Commons statement on

America and Britain were "literally minutes" away from launching air strikes against lraq on Saturday. And he promised that he would have no hesitation in ordering fu-

ture strikes. "If he again obstructs the work of the inspectors, then we strike. No warnings. No wrangling. No negotiations. No last minute letters. The next withdrawal of cooperaoon and he will be hit."

He revealed that a private warning had been sent to President Saddam through the Iraqi permanent representative the United Nations last Thursday that a substantial THE Lord Chancellor yester-day won the right to wear black trousers and drop his date his clothes beneath the ceremonial dress of breeches, waist while keeping his dayto-day upper attire of full-bottights and buckled shoes. tomed wig and court gown. Second, he should be allowed After a two-hour debate in which more than 25 peers to spend more time behind the spake, the House of Lords voted by 145 to 115 to allow Lord Irdispatch box when steering his own legislation. At present,

vine of Lairg to wear the more modern attire of plain trousers he speaks mostly from the and shoes. Although the deciwooisack. As Speaker, Lord Irvine did sion is with immediate effect. not contribute to the debate, however, he will have to wait but despite fervent opposition for a few more days before he can dress down. he won on both counts. As the result was announced, one For Lord Irvine, a man who spent £650,000 to wallpaper peer reduced the House - and his flat, an ordinary pair of the Lord Chancellor - to

laughter by shouting: "When's he going to get 'am off, then?" Although the debate was unblack trousers is not enough. Instead, the Lord Chancellor is to order a bespoke pair costing £300 from Ede & Ravenwhipped, a high turnout on scroft, the legal tailors in Chan-cery Lane. The cost will be met Government benches raised suspicions that Labour peers had unofficially been enfrom his official dress allowcouraged to help their Lord

During a debate that alternated between the silly and the

his daily attire - at state occaconsidered his two demands: first, he should be able to upsions, such as next week's State Opening of Parliament.

Traditionalist peers argued that the Lord Chancellor was diminishing the stature of his

office and said the plan was part of a wider government agenda to chip away at parliamentary traditions. The modernisers — from all sides of the House — said the changes were modest, did not represent the thin end of the constitutional wedge, and wondered if the debate was the most profitable way of spending vital

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parliamentary time. Lord Ewing of Kirkford, a former Labour MP, reminded peers that usually "you canna talk the breeks o' a highlander" like Lord Irvine but insisted he should be allowed to wear "the garb of 1998". Viscount Cranborne, the Tory leader in the Lords, argued that any changes should be left until the Government be-

Chancellor in his time of need.

the Prime Minister himself.

£45,066 — but he claims just £105,233.

Mr Heliawell's salary is followed closely by Jonathan Powell, the former diplomat and now chief of staff at 10 Downing Street, and Alastair Campbell, Mr Blair's official spokesman and spin doctor, who will both receive 191,014 - more than the take-home pay of a Cabinet Minister. They are entitled to earn £106,716 a year but actual-

ly claim £90.267. Conservatives immediately dubbed the advisers "New Labour's fat cats".

last night to MPs, nor was the informa-

The pay scales of the trio are outside the normal range for advisers brought into the Government by Ministers. Last night Mr Campbell said he had

added that he merely "handed it over" to his family - his partner, Flona Millar, and their three children. However, several political aides re-

ceived rises more than three times the inflation target set by the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, and won 6.7 per cent increases - while everyone received at least 3.5 per cent, also one percentage point above the 2.5 per cent target.

The total bill in the salary of special

for strengthening its policy effectiveness in this way," she said.

Party chairman, said the new salary structure "shows where the real power lies in Labour. It is with the unaccountable army of political henchmen that have been brought into the Govern-

the pay arrangements for the whole army of political staff at Downing

The pay rises were made as part of a new three-band salary structure for Ministers' advisers - with annual starting salaries up from £24,549 a year to £26,000 and rising to a maxi-

But Ministers decided they wished to introduce salaries which recognised the individual contribution of an adviser. However, it was made clear that the salary review was "one off" and that in future advisers would not receive auto-

matic pay rises. Dr Jack Cunningham, Minister for the Cabinet Office, last night in a Com-mons written reply to MPs revealed that the average salary of a special adviser is £45,378 compared to £46,421 un-

One adviser works part-time and earns a significantly lower salary in the range of £10,001 to £20,000. Of the others, some 14 advisers earn between £20,000 to £30,000; 19 up to £40,000; 13 up to £50,000; 10 up to £60,000; seven

Stability is sexy, Blair tells City financiers

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

FINANCIERS were told by Tony Blair last night that stability was a "sexy thing" to hammer home the message that the Government had created the conditions to help business weather a difficult year ahead.

He used the un-prime minis-terial language as he cast aside tradioon in his Lord Mayor's banquet speech at Guildhall by concentrating on the economy rather than the usual fare of foreign affairs.

He admitted that his aim of steering a course of stability in an uncertain world might not excite headline writers. But in trying to ensure that it would. he said they would not find it sexy enough. "In my view stability is a sexy thing", he said in what would be the most quoted and broadcast sentence of his speech.

Mr Blair told the City that there was no need to raise taxes or cut spending because of the Government's insistence on creating a stable economic

framework.

He said that "nothing mat-ters more to me than our ability to manage the economy" as he staked Labour's claim to be considered the "natural party of economic competence". He raised smiles by telling them that stability was "sexy".

With Briosh Steel announcing yesterday that it planned to cut a further 1,600 jobs over the next six months, Mr Blair accepted that the economic downturn and the world financial crisis would make this "a far tougher year for business". But he added that the stringent economic decisions already taken by the Govern-ment meant that Britain was far better placed to weather the storm than in previous

slowdowns. "Whatever the hardship caused by the rise in interest rates, let us never forget longterm interest rates are now at their lowest for more than 30 years, inflacion is now under control, the public finances are strong and interest rates are on their way down from 7.5

per cent. "This is a million miles away from the early 1990s when interest rates were 15 per cent, manufacturing output collapsed and a million jobs went in the space of two years."

He appeared to suggest that even if Gordon Brown's down-graded growth forecasts two weeks ago proved to be opo-mistic, the Government would increase borrowing rather than cut back on spending. Significant margins had

been built into the figures that would allow ministers to stick to three-year spending plans.

"So even if the economy is weaker than we expect, we will be able to repond sensibly ... in the jargon by allowing the au-tomatic stabilisers to work." To cut back on public invest-ment at this stage of the cycle

would be "folly". Mr Blair cast aside tradition at the white-tie dinner, an occasion normally devoted to foreign affairs. His main theme. unusually, was economic and he used some unBlairite language to get it across.

British Steel has been hit by the economic problems in the Far East Cheap steel is flooding into western markets and the Far Eastern market has all but collapsed for exporters.

Ken Jackson, General Secretary of the AEEU, said the job losses made clear that the economy was fragile. "The recent 0.5 per cent rate cut was welcome, but the problems at British Steel demonstrate the case for further cuts."

The Lord Chancellor will gan its wider reforms of the Upper House. solemn, Lord Irvine watched continue to wear his full ceremilitary strike was imminent the weekend's events, the from the woolsack as peers monial dress - grander than Prime Minister disclosed that Continued on page 2, col 4 Downing Street aide to earn more than Blair given a two per cent rise in April and will receive the top-up for their new pay deals next month. The total percentpreviously. In the past, special advisers have been paid in relation to their previters were not ashamed of the figures By VALERIE ELLIOTT and a Cabinet Office spokeswoman WHITEHALL EDITOR ous earnings. said the Government had always age rise for the three was not disclosed pledged they would create a strong THE drugs czar. Keith Hellawell, tops centre with poliocal drive.

the pay league for Tony Blair's 70-strong team of political aides and special advisers, and will earn £106,057 a year from next month - more than

Mr Blair is entitled to £147,816 a year - this includes his MP's salary of

Mr Powell and Mr Campbell were

tion available at the Cabinet Office.

"no idea" how much he earned and

advisers is £3.6 million, double the bill under the last Tory Government. But last night It was made clear that MinisThe Government makes no apology

But Michael Ancram, Conservative

ment at the taxpayer's expense". He called on Mr Blair to make clear Street and the rest of Whitehall.

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Pay levels were decided by the Ministers who employed the adviser.



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Blair performs fanfare to much trumpeted hesitation

IN the Prime Minister's statement to the House of Commons on Iraq yesterday afternoon, we glimpsed a ghostly reflection of the weekend's events. As with the battle, so with the argument: steps leading logically to a strike — then

Over the weekend we watched the elements being moved into place, B52s were readied, allies squared. Stealth bombers and Tornados were poised. Tomahawk missiles primed, warnings giv-

The finger was on the but-

the final push. It never came. And so with Tony Blair's long, closely argued, statement to a steady House. He wheeled his arguments into place, steadied his logic on the launch-pad. Objections were countered, evidence stiffened and friends primed. Supporting arguments were ready on

The Prime Minister placed a mental finger on the logical button. Well into his Statement, all that now awaited was the final push. It never

the runway.

could have been drafted for the moment of attack. For seven years, declared a tired, adenoidal but resolute PM, the Iraqis had ratted on every obligation. "Iraq has deceived and concealed and lied at every turn." There was no trust-ing these people. "Huge ques-tion marks remain", the United Nations Weapons Inspectors have proved powerless: "despite UNSCOM, Iraq still has weapons of mass destrucdon." The last time we trusted them, we had been betrayed:

... resumed superficial



co-operation" but then thwart-ed "all but the most routine

And they had been warned "that any violation would have the most serious conseences for Iraq".

Now they were asking for it "in flagrant violation of Iraq's obligations". A private warning had already been given ... The argument was clear

and strong. Those with texts noted that the Prime Minister was already nearing the end of his statement. There was only one destination to this logic, as clear as the location of Baghdad on a Stealth pilor's map. Saddam had proved himself an inveterate cheat, and invited the re-

sponse already promised.

There was just no point in con-

tinuing this diplomatic non-sense with Hussein. Mr Blair drew breath and continued. We were to confinne this diplomatic nonsense with Hussein. Yesterday's statement took

a convincing run at a logical long-jump then, just before lift-off, aborted. The statement could have served as a trumpet-blast heralding attack; instead it served as fanfare to hesitation.

Oddly, it was the stronger for that. Doubters (and the Commons cootains many silent doubters) were reassured

Ashdown

pacifies

his party

activists

BY ROLAND WATSON

PADDY ASHDOWN last

night told his party activists

they retained the licence to

fight Labour tooth and nail in

spite of his strengthened links

er said that last week's an-

nouncement that he was to

deepen cross-party co-opera-

tion over a range of issues with

Tony Blair need not clip his party's wings. "This is not about pulling punches." he

told the party's Federal Execu-

tive after aides warned him of

Mr Ashdown told the Liber-

al Democrats' ruling body that they risked jeopardising

the greater prize of proportion-

al representation unless they

supported the new des. He

said the country would not sup-

port PR and its ramifications

for coalioon government as a

concept unless they were given

an example of successful part-

nership politics in action.

"You cannot argue or indeed campaign for PR and object to the co-operative style of politics which it will usher in."

Mr Ashidown told them. He

week that the Joint Consulta-

ove Committee between servior

Cabinel ministers and their

Liberal Democrat counter-

a rough ride ahead.

with the Government The Liberal Democrat leadthat Britain and America were going the extra mile. The handful implacably opposed to force, poised to rail against aggression. were winded: Blair was giving the other feltow yet another chance. Only Labour's George Galloway limplicitly accused by his sen-

ior colleague Gerald Kaufman of being among those who "habitually toddle off to Baghdad to get their skins tanned and their noses browned") managed a fine and stirring intervention.

But the mood of the House was against him. It

changed critically, since February. Yesterday's statement a reculer pour micux sauter if ever there was one, confirmed that. "Thank goodness they're there, said Blair of the Americans, "even if others aren"." He sounded just like Lady

Thatcher. There was one light moment. Future video-archivists, unfamiliar with today's idiom, may wonder why, when Tony Blair said "I mean, this isn't over until ..." and paused. Three hundred small grins registered the thought "... the fat

Hard-pressed farmers get aid of £120m

EMERGENCY aid of £120 million was announced yesterday to help Britain's farmers come through the worst crisis in agriculture since the 1930s.

The cash, targeted at beef, sheep and dairy farmers, with extra support for those in hill regions, is intended to cushion the effects of a collapse in the prices of almost all agricultur-

There is, however, no succour for pig farming, which is struggling against compedtinn from cheap imports sucked in by the strong pound and is one of the few unsubsidised sectors of European agri-

To a chorus of cheers in the Commons, Nick Brown, the Agriculture Minister, said he was announcing the aid in recognidon of "the exceptionally difficult times" that farmers

were going through. know the industry has been going through a bad patch," he said, "But I am confident that it has a prosperous future. To get there it needs our support now, and that is

what I am providing." He added: 'Trading conditions will remain tough in the months ahead. But I hope that this package and the commitment to generating a vision for agriculture will give the industry the boost it needs to face the future with confidence."

Nick Brown recognises the crisis hitting

British farms, writes Michael

Mr Brown said he hoped to be able to announce further good news next week when he would be seeking the agree-ment of other EU farm ministers in Brussels to an easing of the ban on Briosh beef ex-

Hornsby

Tim Yeo, the Shadow Agriculture Minister, welcomed the Government's recognition "that agriculture in general, and livestock farms in particular, face a grave crisis that threatens the survival of many

But Mr Yeo said the aid was a palliative which treated the symptoms rather than the cause of farmers problems. The reason this second farm rescue package in a year is needed is because the downturn in farm incomes, like the downturn in the whole economy, was made in Downing Street," he said. "The level of the pound during the last 18 months has been a far more

important cause of falling farm income than the weath-

Ben Gill, president of the Na-tional Farmers' Union, said the aid package would provide a welcome confidence boost and "a short-term safety net for some farmers teetering on the brink of financial col-

He added: 'The package it-self cannot cure all the ills of British farmers, particularly, for instance, in the pig sector. We need continued govern-ment and Bank of England action to put downward pressure on interest rates and ster-

The two main elements of the package are £60 million in extra support for hill farmers. which will be funded entirely from government coffers, and £48.3 million for beef farmers, about a third of which will be paid for by the EU. The aid to beef farmers will mean an ex-tra subsidy of £29.50 a cow.

A third element is a reprieve for special payments to farmers to slaughter and destroy within three weeks of birth male calves which have no market because of the ban on exports. These subsidies had been due to end on November 30 but will now continue until at least the end of next March. By that time some beef exports should have resumed.



Relaxed: Camilla Parker Bowles out hunting yesterday

Cheerful Camilla enjoys media glare

CAMILLA Parker Bowles ended her self-imposed media purdah yesterday and smiled for photographers before riding with the Beaufort Hunt (writes Simon de Bruxelles).

The unprecedented and willing co-operation by the friend of the Prince of Wales was a contrast to previous encounters when she has grimaced through cigarette smoke and ridden off in the opposite direction.

her horse and sat for pictures after a groom from Prince Charles's. Highgrove stables approached press photogra-Fresh from bosting the

Prince's 50th birthday party at Highgrove on Saturday night, she looked relaxed and join the hunt. The Highgrove groom approached photographers and

said. "She will pose for you today," before Mrs Parker Bowles sat back in the saddle, rested her left hand on her left thigh and turned on a beam-

and Mr Blair announced last

parts would be extended to cov-Mrs Parker Bowles stopped er Europe, welfare reform, education and health. Downing Street was forced to play down reports that John Prescott was furious with the

development. But Jack Cunningham, the Cabinet Office minister and Downing Street "enforcer", appeared to confirm that the Deputy Prime Minister had not been consult ed, saying the decision had been taken by Mr Blair and Mr Ashdown some weeks ago.

Ruth Berry, a Lib Dem executive member, said the latest move could prove a "step too far". "There may be a lot of people who are very upset and very angry."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Aircraft on standby for new year riots

Military aircraft will ferry police reinforcements to trouble spots if millennium celebrations deteriorate into rioting. Large helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft will be on standby as part of contingency plans for the millennium being drawn up by chief constables and the military. Specialist servicemen may also help to run utilioes and public transport if civilian manpower is severely depleted by absenteeism or sickness. The talks follow concern among senior police officers at the problems they could face during a national four-day celebration.

Threat to legal aid

Small legal aid firms who work in black and Asian communities will be hit hardest by government plans for contracting out legal aid work, the Law Society said yesterday. The plans woold "drastically reduce the availability of legal help in some of the most disadvantaged communides in England and Wales." the society said. The plans would also disproportionately disadvantage women solicitors.

Church criticises BBC

The Church of England has added to the growing criticism of the changes to BBC Radio 4. Members of the General Synod, meeting in London, claimed that religious programmes had been marginalised, leading to a loss of listeners. A church review is already pursuing complaints that broadcast services have been cut and changed such that they no longer reflect normal congregational worship.

'No disarming, no exit'

Tory leaders increased pressure for the release of terrorist prisoners to be halted unless and until the IRA begins disarming, Michael Ancram, the party chairman, joined William Hague, the leader, and Andrew Mackay, the Shadow Northern I reland Secretary, in demanding: "No decommissioning, no exit," Mo Mowlam, Northern Ireland Secretary. said she could not "rewrite the Good Friday Agreement".

Tories target taxes

The Tories are to draw up new tax policies to favour mar ried couples as part of a drive to promote the family, William Hague declared last night. The Tory leader used a keynote speech to the Conservative Christian Fellowship to announce that Peter Lilley would head up a new Shadow Cabinet taskforce on family policy. The group will study both tax and benefits to see if changes can be made.

Lewinsky books author

Monica Lewinsky has secured a deal with Andrew Morton, the biographer of Diana, Princess of Wales, for a confessional book disclosing the details of her relationship with Presidenl Clinton. Michael O'Mara, who bought the worldwide rights, said: 'She likes the idea of an author who is used to writing sympathetic books about women who have relationships with powerful men."

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Ousting

Continued from page 1 No timing was given, but no doubt was left as to the scale of what was intended.

Mr Blair said he gave final authorisation for the start of the attack on Saturday morning. Just two hours before it was due to commence, the West received word that the fragis had informed the UN that they were responding positively to a final letter of appeal the previous night.

Mr Blair said he had authorised the use of force with re-gret and a deep sense of responsibility.

'i saw no credible alternaove. The UK's weight in the planned strike would have been substantial, including nearly 20 per cent of the tactical bomber effort."

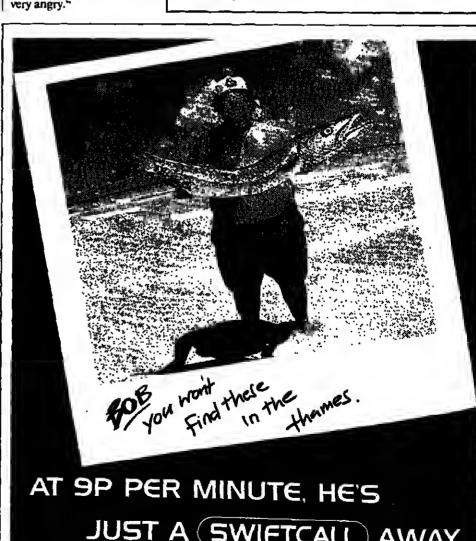
Downing Street said later that Mr Blair's words reflected the view that Iraq, the region and the world would be better off if Saddam was not in pow-

A spokesman suggested that Britain and America would work together to help in the propaganda war against Saddam, both within Iraq and abroad, by funding dissident

radio stations. President Clinton said yesterday that he would support a change of government in true, and Mr Blair told the Commons that he shared the President's view, adding that the desire to remove Saddam was not a "goal of policy". The goal of policy was to diminish and degrade the capability in weapons of mass destruction, he

The Prime Minister said the world could now see more clearly than ever that Saddam was inomidated by the threat

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changed critically, since fet ruley y esterday's statemen as recuter your mieux sauters ever them was one continued the said Blair of the Anen area if others aren. Close the road? That's a bit rich Privacy for celebrities is a nuisance for old-money neighbours, report Susie Steiner and Rachel Kelly

A VITAL question of lifestyle has created a neighbourhood dispute between the super-rich and the merely wealthy. New arrivals buying £34million properties want to keep the world away by closing off the street. Older residents with Elemillion homes say that is just be-

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The argument in Kensington, West London, began when developers sought permission to close Earls Terrace to traffic, and install security gates with armed guards for pedestrian access. It was just the sort of paparazzi-proof privacy to lure buyers from among nouveaux-riches celebrities. Arab sheikhs and footballers.

However, the site borders Edwardes Square, where their neighbours include retired udges and architects who quite like the right of way and do not want the change. One resident said: "It seems absolutely greedy to want a private road. It's over the top."

At the centre of the argument is a refurbished terrace of 23 homes with individual swimming pools and cinemas. The developers Northacre claim that their critics, including the former law lord Baron Griffiths of Govilon, are driven by "the politics of envy". John Hunter, managing director of Northacre, said: "It's new money versus old money. People don't want you to have what they can't have, particularly local residents who are in-

therently wealthy themselves. They get satisfaction out of stopping other people doing what they want." The pop singer Madonna visited the site a few months

ago but decided against it. Concern for the privacy and security for similar clients led the developers to seek to bar traffic from the road that has been a public right of way for more than 100 years and is used by visitors to the cinema and shops on Kensington High

Christoph Bon, a retired architect and an objector to the plan, said: "I don't like being steamrollered by aggressive developers. There are quite a few wealthy people living here and one behaves properly. We feel this is out of keeping with the rest of the neighbourhood."

Lord Griffiths wrote to the local authority saying that Northacre's aim was "to obtain higher prices for the houses being developed" and that the public would be "substantially disadvantaged". Northacre was refused planning per-mission by the Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, but appealed to the Department of the Environment. The result of a public inquiry has yet to be

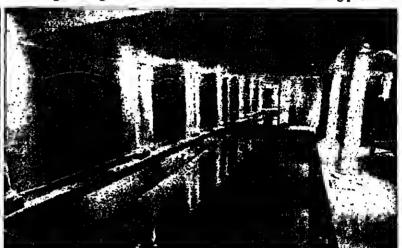
Mr Hunter denies that the plan to close off the road has anything to do with privacy, but is rather to restore its 19th century look by removing cars. The new residents can purchase underground parking spaces to give them access to their homes without being seen. Mr Hunter said: "By the nature of the magnitude of the pricing. it's going to attract high-profile people. Some will be diplomats, some will be royalty, some will be celebrities. They like the fact that it is paparazzi-proof. Security is a preoccupacion because at some stage they will have been stalked, mugged or broken

Pedestrians would still be permitted to walk along Earls Terrace. "We are very happy to let Joe Public take a look," said Mr Hunter.



Buyers need not use the front doors in Earls Terrace, Kensington: access from the underground car park ensures privacy — at extra cost. Below: music speakers are hidden in walls, lighting can be programmed for entertaining, reading or vacation, and each house has a swimming pool





Pool included, but parking costs £50,000

BY SUSTE STEINER

THE pseudo-Georgian houses are a study in opulence, if not taste, on an excessive scale. The price includes a swimming pool in the basement and a spiral staircase reaching up to a 90ft garden. But neo-Classical murals are

For those who prefer drier sports, the pool can be swapped for a games

room with cinema. At the touch of a casions. The occupier can choose from keypad, the curtains close, the screen rolls down and a projector is lowered from the ceiling.

The houses are fitted with invisible sound systems, allowing music to seep from speakers embedded in the walls. Electronic systems are integrated, allowing busy celebrities to program their videos from their carphones.

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While ordinary folk might have a timer for the hallway lamp, these homeowners can have their security systems memorise the pattern in which they turn on their lights and replicate it when they are away.

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The gates are opened by each resident's personal radar device. A 24-hour guard ensures vehicles safe passage down the ramp, while security cameras monitor the inside of the Lighting is labelled for different oc- Homeowners "will be able to enjoy car park and the doors into houses. ern Spain in August.

Noye says press has convicted him of murder

FROM JOANNA BALE

KENNETH NOYE told a Spanish judge yesterday that he intended to fight moves by Britain to extradite him for the M25 "road-rage" murder of Stephen Cameron because he had been "tried and condemned" by the British press.

In a private hearing at Madrid's National Court, he explained to Judge Baltasar Garzon that he was contesting the extradition on the grounds that he would not receive a fair trial in Britain.

Handcuffed and wearing a red, white and blue tracksuit, Mr Noye, 51, looked lean and tanned as he walked into the judge's office for the tenminute meeting flanked by two Spanish police officers. Accompanied by his British law-yer, Henry Milner, and speaking through an interpreter, he told the judge: "I have already been tried and condemned by the British press, so a fair trial is not possible."

Spanish court officials said later that it was unlikely that the prospect of an unfair trial would affect the extradition procedure, which was likely to take two to three months.

A judicial source added: "If Mr Noye had agreed to the extradition, he would have been returned to Britain almost immediately. It seems he is just stalling for time, because the prospect of an unfair trial is not something that would affect an extradition in a Spanish court. The grounds for extradition are clearly there in that the allegations are of a serious offence, punishable by a substantial prison sentence."

As Mr Noye was taken to the cells following his meeting with the judge, he scowled and snapped "no comment" to journalists' questions.

Mr Noye is accused of stabbing 21-year-old Mr Cameron to death in front of his fiancee on an M25 slip road at Swanley in Kent in May 1996. He is being held in the top se-curity Madrid III Prison after being transferred from a prison in Cadiz, where he was detained following his arrest at a restaurant in Barbate in south-

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TOMIGHT

7ft man 'killed Wren during epileptic fit'

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

A MAN accused of strangling a young Wren claimed that he killed her while he was having an epileptic fit, a court was told yesterday. Steven Smith, 31, told police that all he could remember

was taking Tammy Williams, 23, back to his flat for a night-

Mr Smith, who is 7ft lin. claims be then suffered an epileptic fit and smothered the Royal Navy photographer as she lay half on his bed and half on the floor.

But Anthony Donne, QC, for the prosecution, told Ply-mouth Crown Court. This killing had nothing to do with epilepsy at all." Mr Donne said the Wren, who was based at HMS Drake, was forced to go to the flat in Plymouth in the early hours of the morning after a night out in April 1997.

He said: "She had to play for time and do her best to pla-cate the defendant and cool things down. Sadly for her, it did not work. "Her life ended in what must have been a terrifying or-

deal. She was held by force by Smith against the back of a sofa where the life from her body was choked out of her." Mr Smith met Miss Williams as she walked home from a nightclub in the city centre. Two women heard her

scream and one man said that he saw a couple arguing under



Tammy Williams: died after a night out

a streetlight in a road near Plymouth's clubland. The court was told that Miss Williams had drunk a lot and was three times over the drinkdrive limit.

Mr Donne said that Mr Smith bundled the Wren into his flat and, after killing her. put her in a cupboard. A postmortem examination revealed that she died from asphyxia after being suffocated.

He said the pathologist's opinion was that she had been forced down on to the back of the sofa and held there with force for long enough to stop her breathing.

Mr Donne said: "There was no evidence of intercourse either having taken place or being attempted. There were and nose and some fine cuts to her chest from a sharp object. There was also a mark on her neck similar to that left by a ligature - thought to have been braid from the sofa."

Mr Donne said that hours later Mr Smith told his friend James Tennant: "I have killed a girl." Mr Tennant said: "I thought he was the worse for drink and fantasising. I said, Who is the girl? And he said, 'She is in the cupboard - what shall I do? "

Mr Smith allegedly told Adrian Adams, another friend, that he had been in a fight and thought he had killed someone and had a fit during the fight. He also told his parents he

met Miss Williams in a nightclub and took her back to his flat, where they had sex. He allegedly told his father they had a row and she fell over the back of his sofa and did not get

Mr Smith later went to Ply-mouth police station and said he had invited the Wren home for coffee. He told them while there he had an epileptic fit and came to after noon the next day and found her dead. When he was asked if he killed her, he replied: "I had a fit and

don't remember."

Mr Donne said that Mr

Smith had a medical history of epilepsy and suffered seizures as a child, but nonetheless he

BA victory over glass claim by passenger

AN EXTRAORDINARY oneman campaign against British Airways took another twist yesterday when John Gorman, a retired policeman who claimed he had swallowed two shards of glass on a flight from London to New York, lost his claim for damages against the airline.

After five years of accusations against the company, including corporate bullying and tampering with evidence, a judge dismissed his personal injury claim and ordered him to pay British Airway's costs.

After the hearing, Mr Gorman claimed the case, which cost him £53,000, had left him penniless. He said: "I have staked my entire life savings on trying to win this trial. I only have a policeman's pension and a small house in the Canary Islands with which to

fight this massive corporation. "I am naturally disappoint-ed with the judgement but t still maintain that bringing this action was the correct and proper course."

Mr Gorman alleged that British Airways had orchestrated a "dirty tricks" campaign against him after he complained that he had been injured by the broken glass on the flight in January 1993 Judge Anthony Tibber accused him of inventing the alle-

Why BBC found Abba too radical

BY CAROL MIDGLEY MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC has found itself listed alongside Stalin and Taliban in a book naming regimes that have banned politically sen-The corporation's decision to censor sitive music.

pop songs such as Army Dreamers and Walk Like An Egyptian from the airwaves during the Gulf War has carned it equal billing to more radical censors such as Stalin, who suppressed Shostakovich's work in the 1930s, and Taliban, which prohibits all music in Kabul, in a new book on banned music of the 20th century. Last night, Index on Censorship — the freedom of speech group that published

Simon Rattle at the Union Chapel in North London. The performance ranged from Alan Bush, the British communist whom Rattle says was deprived of performances because of his politics, to Olivier Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time, written when he was imprisoned in

Stalag VIII during the Holocaust. But Smashed Hits also lists pop songs that have been subjected to the BBC censor's rule. It states that, during World War II, the song Deep in the Heart of Texas was vetoed from BBC radio play on the grounds that munitions workers too often downed tools to join in the clapping. Wagner and other "overtly Ger-

the book. Smashed Hits — staged a concert of banned music led by the conductor says the book. In the 1970s, McGuiness Flint's anti-internment song Let the People Go was banned because of government policy on the IRA.

But it was pop songs banned by the BBC during the Gulf War that have merited their own chapter in the book. The BBC Radio Training Unit compiled a list of records that it believed should be treated with caution to avoid offence. They included Abba's Eurovision song contest winner Waterloo, because of its reference to war, Lulu's Boom-Bang-A-Bang, A-ha's Hunting High and Low, José Feliciano's Light My Fire, Nicole's A Little Peace and Tears For Fears' Everbody Wants to Rule the World.

Women call for action over failed surgeon

MINISTERS were urged last night to order a public inquiry into the career of an incompetent surgeon who may have maimed up to 180 patients before colleagues blew the whis-tle on his failings.

Victims of the gynaecologist Rodney Ledward, who was struck off the medical register in September, said an inde-pendent team was needed to investigate how he was allowed to confinue practising for more than a decade, even though one in three of his operations resulted in serious complications.

There were also calls for the inquiry to examine the regulanon of private medicine, and the issue of unnecessary gynaecological surgery, particularly

Mr Ledward, who allegedly boasied of being "the fastest gy-naecologist in the South East". was found guilty of serious professional misconduct after the General Medical Council considered ten sample cases, including one in which a woman's healthy ovaries were removed, and a further three where surgery was "mappropriate" or had "no scientific ba-

Since the verdict, about 180 women have come forward with concerns about treatment they received from the surgeon at the William Harvey NHS Hospital in Ashford, Kent. and St Saviour's private hospi-

against workers or job applicants on

the ground of their age will have to

defend their actions to employment

tribunals under government propos-

als to combat ageism in the work-

Andrew Smith, the Employment

Minister, is to ask chairmen of the

tribunals to consider taking on the

extra responsibility of enforcing a

government-backed voluntary anti-

code yesterday. Mr Smith said that

discrimination against older work-

Launching a draft version of the

Patients seek

compensation for botched

operations, reports Mark

tal, Hythe. Many were left infertile, crippled or needing follow-up repair operations.

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At least 40 are considering legal action, and East Kent Health Authority and Mr Ledward's insurers, for his private work, could face a combined bill of more than £1 million in compensation, Individual payouts could top £30,000 in cases where young women were denied the chance to have children because of unnecessary hysterectomies

Campaigners said there were parallels between Mr Ledward's case and that of the Bristol Royal Infirmary heart surgeons found guilty in June of serious professional misconduct for continuing to operate when their death rates were well above average. lan Kennedy, Professor of Medical Law and Ethics at Unversity College. London, began a public inquiry into that matter

Health chiefs were due last

ers was no longer acceptable. He

added that there was a strong case

for companies to ensure that they

had a mix of workers of all ages. "It

is not a question of employers say-

ing that they cannot afford to keep

on older employers. They cannot af-

ford not to." he said. "In two years

more than a third of the workforce

will be aged over 45. An increasing

proportion of companies' customer

His remarks yesterday followed

base will also be over 45.

ing in Folkestone organised by the community health council to explain their side of the story to the victims. They were expected to face strong criticism for failing to act on suspicions raised by Mr Ledward's senior colleagues in 1993, and failing to investigate his work properly after negligence writs were issued against him as long ago as 1987.

Mr Ledward was eventually suspended in 1996 after a botched hysterectomy in which he accidentally pierced his patient's bladder. Al-though she had blood in her urine, he left the hospital and switched off his mobile phone, and was out of reach while she had emergency surgery to re-pair the damage. Patricia Fearnley, a solicitor acting for at least 35 victims

who are seeking compensation, said that urgent action was needed to ensure that lessons of the case were learnt. "We need to see examined the issue of unnecessary operations on women, the lack of proper regulation of private sector medicine and the problem of doctors being unwilling to blow the whistle on incompetent colleagues. We want to know why Mr Ledward was allowed to carry on operating even though his record was very poor." Mr Ledward is now thought to be working in



Struck off: Rodney Ledward, who allegedly boasted of being the fastest gynaecologist in the South East

Patient was left 'crying in pain'

RODNEY LEDWARD blamed Susan Martin, 45, for his botched operation on her bladder, saying that she was old and her muscles were "knackered".

She was left crying in pain for 17 days before he performed another unsuccessful

"I still can't believe f was so gullible. When someone is in that position of authority you just trust them. I had gone in to make a small problem better so I could

enjoy playing sport. Afterwards I felt total-ly disabled," she said.

cuum hysterectomy at the same ome". He did not examine her.

Three weeks after her operation in March 1990 she had still made no recov-

would effectively outlaw ageism.

With a recession predicted next

year, even more older people will be

"get its own house in order". A

spokesman said that thousands of

staff who joined the service late in

ery in hospital, Eventually nurses told her she had to confront Mr Ledward and demand an explanation.

He came to her bedside and told her that it was her fault she could no longer nass water. He said her muscles were knackered" with age and because she had been too old to have a baby at 32. "He said, 'I've done such a good job your husband will think he's taken a lo-year-old

She evennially visited another gynaecol-ogist who helped her but she still cannot play sports. "What Mr Ledward did was damage a good bladder." she said.

Children set fire to school bus

NEWS IN BRIEF

Twenty-seven schoolchildren were taken to hospital after a bus seat was set on fire yesterday. They were treated for smoke inhalation but none was seriously injured and all

were allowed home. The incident happened on a school bus at John Kyrle High School in Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire. Two pupils, aged 14 and 15, were arrested, questioned and released on police bail.

Police said it seemed that they had been playing with a cigarette lighter and an aerosol on the back seat.

Search for body

Police are picking through thousands of tonnes of rubhish in search of the body of a baby dumped in a bin three weeks ago by its mother, an 18-year-old student in Cavan in the Irish Republic. She believed her child was stillborn.

Train crash

A night train from London to Inverness with 95 passengers crashed into two stolen vans left on the line at Slateford Junction. near Edinburgh. The driver was treated for shock. Services were disrupted for most of the day.

Davies suspect

A man accused of robbing Ron Davies, the former Secretary of Slate for Wales, has been remanded in custody by Camberwell Green magistrates, Donald Fearon, 38, of no fixed address is due in 17 court again on November 30.

World Cup sale

The ball in play at the end of France's World Cup final victory is to be sold at Christie's in Glasgow next month. Bobby Moore's shirt from a match against Portugal in 1964 and a corner flag from the 1966 World Cup are also for sale.

Otter aid begins

Oners are being encouraged lo return to the country's rivers in a project launched loday with the backing of water companies. A holt has been built near Stoke Bardolph. Nottingham, one of a network throughout the region.

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BY HELEN RUMBELOW

operation to try to correct his mistakes. She was left with so much scar tissue that she had to have a hysterectomy.

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panels.

To promote staff on merit, irre-

spective of age.

If To consider offering job-sharing

or career breaks as an alternative to

Lady Greengross; director gener-

al of the charity Age Concern, wel-

comed the code as an important first

redundancy.

□ Not to use age limits or phrases step; but added that only legislation

Ageist employers are at risk of being called to account

the publication of a report from the

Employers' Federation on Age, a lob-

by group representing that 100 big employers, claiming that Rritish econo-

ageism is costing the British econo-

my £26 billion a year in lost goods

The draft code covers recruitment.

retirement and promotion, and urg-es employers to treat staff according

to ability, not age.

It asks companies:

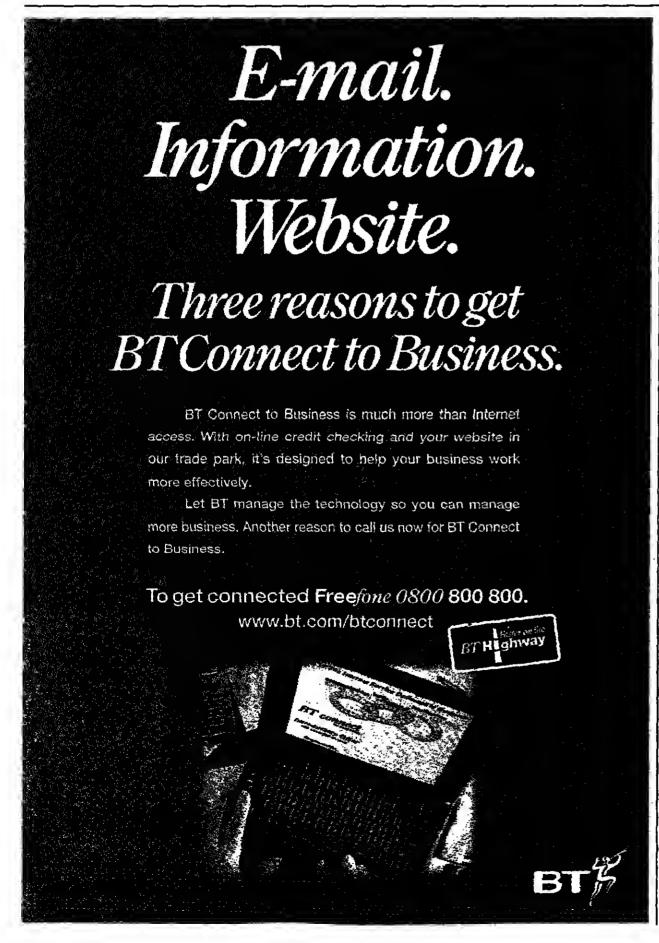
Mrs Martin, from Deal in Kent, became slightly incontinent when she played netball or did aerobics after hav-ing had three children. She was referred to Mr Ledward, who she said spent minutes asking her questions then said he would "operate on her waterworks problem but if everything else comes down during surgery it is unhealthy and I will do a

life wanted to continue working un-Tribunals offered new role in giving older workers a chance, reports Alexandra Frean til 65 to earn a decent pension, but were forced to redre at 60.

The Government will consult on the code before it becomes effective in the new year.

The Age Discrimination and Emin fear of losing their jobs and never working again. These people need to know that the law is on their side." ployment Act of 1967 prohibits discriminating against anyone over 40, and employers can face huge damag-The Public and Commercial Serves claims if they break the law. ices Union, the biggest civil service union, urged the Government to

Earlier this year the Government ordered jobcentres to ban upper age limits in recruitment adverts and launched an employment programme for the over-50s.





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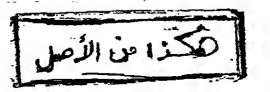
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Deal helps Man Utd to seek next Ronaldo

Belgian link will let Britain's richest club exploit a loophole over foreign players, reports Richard Duce

MANCHESTER UNITED, Britain's wealthiest football club, yesterday completed a move to exploit a loophole in European employment laws that will help it to recruit emerging stars from South America and Africa.

By signing a deal with a lowly club from Antwerp, the side should benefit from the more lax approach to the issuing of

work permits in Belgium. Royal Antwerp, Belgium's oldest club but now languishing in the second division of the country's domestic league, will effectively become a "feeder club for United. The move highlights the growing gap between rich and poor clubs.

Once talented prospects from outside Europe have served about 18 months in Antwerp, they can join United because they will have gained a Belgian work permit entitling them to work anywhere within the European Union. In Britain the rules are more strict and a non-EU footballer

has to prove that he is an an established international, representing his country in 70 per cent of its matches, before he is entitled to a permit. In Belgium the promise of a job paying more than £10,000 a year can lead to a permit

The move paves the way for United to take on, at bargain prices, the players who could follow in the footsteps of Brazilian stars such as Ronaldo. One football analyst yesterday described the deal as a

"cute move" from a club that has been somewhat conservative, despite its wealth. Although Manchester United sought to deny that it would be bringing non-EU players

into Britain by the back door.

the move was greeted with

Ronaldo: United can now seek his young successor

alarm by the Professional Footballers' Association. Its chairman, Gordon Taylor, said: We are disappointed about this news. England is now the country with more non-national players than any other.

"If this link-up ends with more foreign players coming into the game, then the young Michael Owens and David Beckhams may not be such a priority in future and the English game will suffer." Ken Ramsden, a spokesman

for Manchester United, said

had signed a "memorandum of co-operation". He added: We have not bought the club and this is not a takeover move. We have simply come to an agreement with them whereby we can send players to play in their team and gain experience and the situation will work vice versa."

United is already under scrutiny from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission after the proposed buyout by BSkyB, an associate company of The News Corporation, which owns The Times, and the latest move is likely to attract the attention of Fifa, foothall's governing body.

□ Jaap Stam, the United de-

fender, won a High Court injunction yesterday stopping firms cashing in on his name. Robert Kershaw and Jennifer Dawn Rose had set up three companies using the Dutch player's name and had applied to register it under a number of trademarks. Mr Justice Lloyd ordered them to withdraw their applications and to change their firms names.



Josephine the bornbill has died at London Zoo after delighting crowds since 1951

Oldest zoo bird dies alone after 52 years

By Susie Steiner

A HORNBILL named Josephine, one of the oldest animals in Londoo Zoo, has died. It was thought to be 52, making it the zoo's oldest bird.

Josephine was a popular exhibit in the Tropical Bird House, with dusty black feathers, a vast yellow beak and lizard-like feet. Arriving at the zoo io 1951, it refused to mate despite a number of suitors. Instead, the bird formed a close attachment to its keepers, showing affection by passing them bits of food. It laid ooly one egg, in 1989, which never hatched.

Simon Tonge, senior cura-tor at the zoo, said: "She will be greatly missed by all the staff and many of our regular visitors because she was such a well-known character."

According to zoo legend Josephine came to London after being thrown out of Wilkies Circus, in Cheshire, for refusing to perform tricks or mate with suitors.

. Peter Stothard, page 18

Hyde Park bomb jury misled, judges told

. By A Correspondent

A JURY was knowingly misled by the prosecution in the case of the 1982 Hyde Park bombing, which killed four Household Cavalry and seven horses, the Court of Appeal

was told yesterday.

Michael Mansfield, QC.
counsel for Danny McNamee, 38. said the prosecution at the 1987 Old Bailey trial had painted a "false picture" of his client as the master bomb-maker.

He said there was fresh evidence against the conviction of conspiracy to cause explo-sions. This included information about Desmond Ellis, a convicted self-confessed bombmaker with electronic skills...

Mr Manisfield said that the court "was only permitted to see tiny fragments of a much

Fingerprints belonging to McNamee, from Crossma-gien, South Armagh, had been found on tape round other devices which the prosecution had linked to the Hyde Park bomb. But the prints were consistent with innocent contact at the electronics factory where

McNamee was recently released from Maze prison un-der the Good Friday agreement. The hearing continues.

Search for a key to car lock mystery

By Simon de Bruxelles

MOTORISTS in a Cotswold town have been finding them-selves locked out of their cars because of a mysterious failure of their remote control

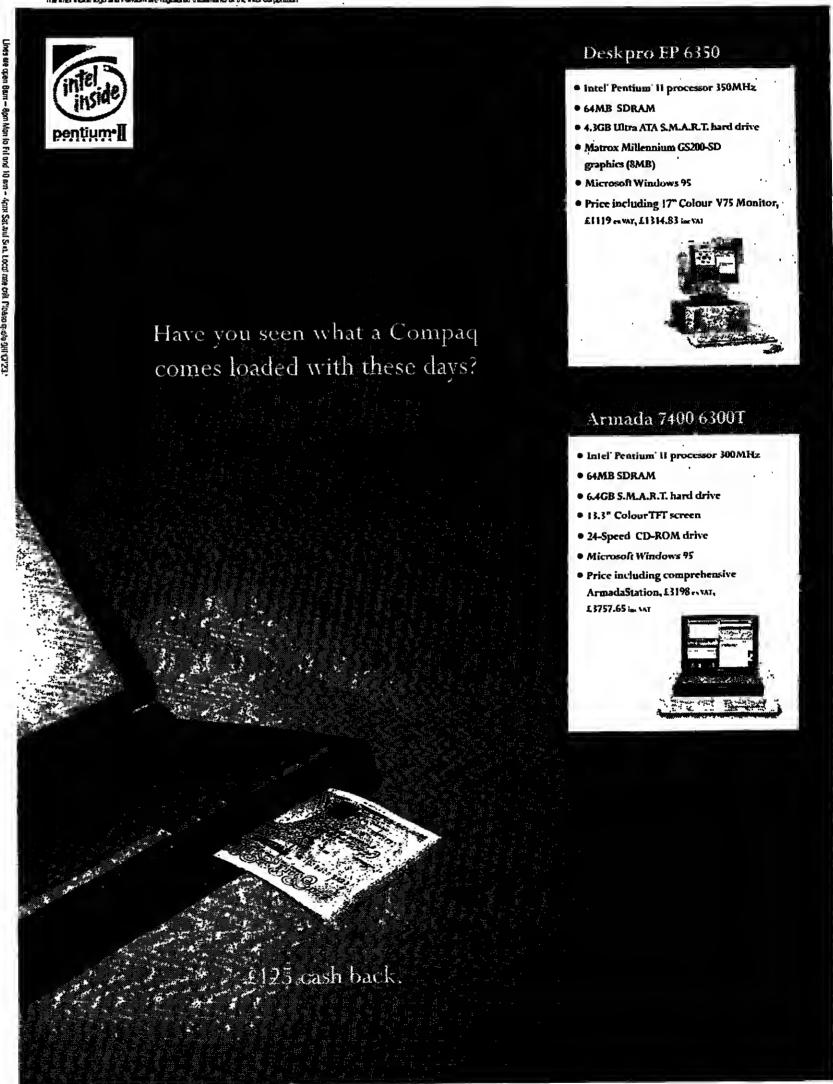
In many cases cars have had to be towed to the edge of Chipping Campden before the central locking systems can be made to open. Locking the cars presents no problem. Electricity pylons, radio in-

terference and winter weather have been blamed, but nobody has positively identified the source of the problem.

Gloucestershire police said yesterday: "It is getting to the stage where we have to think about putting signs up telling drivers not to park there. It does cause congestion in the High Street as the AA low people to where the central locking works.

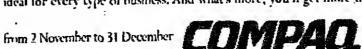
Tim Shallcross, an AA spokesman, believes that the problem is caused by radio waves jamming the low-powcred transmitter in the key fobs. He said: "This part of the Cotswold Hills is one of a number of hotspots around the country. There are a lot of broadcasting organisations and microwave relays around Chipping Campden."

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Firms will sidestep cosmetics test ban

The industry will move its operations abroad, reports Nigel Hawkes

will have to move their animals tests abroad in response to a ban announced yesterday by the Government.

The industry is unlikely to suffer, since the number of such tests in Britain had dwindled to no more than a trickle - 1.266 last year. The decision to ban them was nevertheless greeted by animal welfare organisations as a triumph.

By voluntary agreement, the companies holding licences to carry out such tests have given them up and no more would be issued, George Howarth, the Home Office Minister, said.

Legislation does not allow the Government to revoke those licences, which would in any case run out in 2002. But the ingredients must still be tested, by law, so now the tests will have to be done somewhere else. Penny Hawkins, the RSPCA's scientific officer, said: "It's becoming increasingly easy for organisations to just move their testing abroad. to the United States and Japan

as well as the EU. It's so easy to export welfare problems for the sake of making the UK

look good." There are already far more tests carried oul in Europe than in Britain - 30,000 last year compared with 1,266

here. Cosmetics testing am-ounts to a fraction of 1 per cent of the 2.7 million experiments a year involving animals in Britain, most of which are used for drug development, the treatment of disease, or in basic biological and medical

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Sheep, cattle, pigs	28,816
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Fundamental studies of body structure/function	829,414
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Breeding for genetic defects or modified genes	436,960
Other (education/training, diagnosis, production)	62,978
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research. The British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection said it was "ecstatic" at the ban on cosmetic-ingredient testing. which follows an 11-year campaign. Sandy Dodds of the union said: "Now we are going to argue vigorously in Europe for a ban on cosmetic testing

The number of tests in Brit-ain was so small, cosmetic company experts said, that it no longer amounted to a viable business. Ten years ago more than 15,000 tests were carried out. The ban, symbolic as it may be, will change little. Legislation means that all new chemicals must be tested to provide basic data about toxicity, skin irritancy, ability to cause mutations and cancer, skin absorption and other data. That applies to chemi-cals used in household products such as detergents just as much as it does to cosmetics.

For some cosmetic ingredients, further tests may be demanded. Sun filters, for example, must be cleared for that

Rabbits held in stocks for cosmetic eye irritancy tests. Such testing has dwindled here over the past ten years

purpose before they can be used. When a new material is developed that may be used in cosmetics, the chemical company responsible for it would carry out such tests.

To keep consumers happy. the British cosmetics industry has not tested finished products on animals for some years, and usually picks ingredients that have been in use for some time - which means

that they have been tested, but some time ago.

In a letter to Roger Gale. Conservative MP for Thanei North, Mr Howarth said that the Government had not ruled out appointing a Royal Commission to review the issue "in the longer term", but that it believed it best to use available resources to make immediate improvements to sections of the Act covering animal tests.

Lobbyists switch their attention to genetic research

By NIGEL HAWKES. SCIENCE EDITOR

ANIMAL welfare organisations were looking towards their next targets yesterday. having achieved the ban on cosmetic testing in Britain,

The first said Sandy Dodds of the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection, was extending the cosmetics testing ban to Europe. "We would like to see a EUwide ban on the sale of all cosmetics tested on animals," he said. The rules of the World Trade Organisation are likely to make that impossible, so a more limited ban, on testing within the EU, may be sought. Another target likely to win

public support is the widening of the ban on the use of great apes to include other primates, such as monkeys. However, monkeys are irreplaceble in some experiments, such as tests for Aids vaccines.

In toxicity testing, the LD50 test is a particular target. This is a test to discover what dose of a chemical will kill balf the animals exposed to it. It produces highly variable results and critics say that it is of dubi-ous value. Although the trend in animal testing is down-

wards, the big growth area is in genetic research. The devel-opment of "knockout" mice, in which one gene is inactivated, has provided a new tool for scientists, who use such mice to study the role of particular genes. The use of animals in genetic research has grown seven-fold in the past five years. "This is a major concern to us", said Mr Dodds.

Many campaigners argue. that alternatives to animal tests exist, in the form of computer simulations and cell cultures. Scientists are keen to use such techniques, but they do not yet provide all the answers. "Much as we would like them to be. if the alternatives just aren't there, they aren't there," said Penny Hawkins, the RSPCA's scientific officer, "With much of the fundamental research, examining how drugs will be taken in and metabolised, the only alternative is not to do it.

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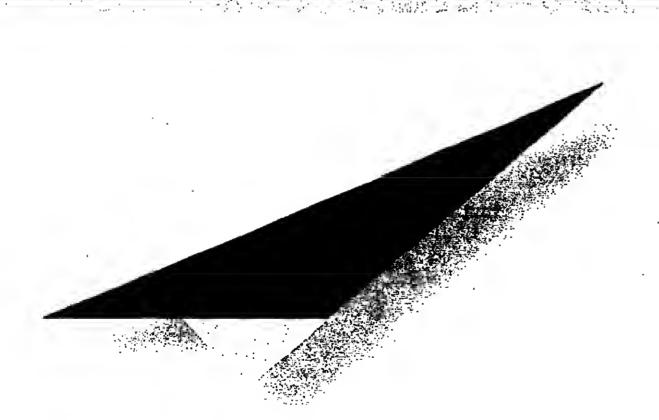
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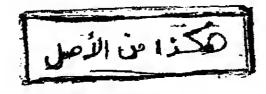


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Brain damage girl awarded record £3.9m

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A TEENAGE girl who suffered severe brain damage after surgery to remove a birthmark when she was five was awarded £3.9 million yesterday. It is believed to be the largest award against an individual doctor.

Helen Edwards, 17, went into the private Hope Nursing Home, Cambridgeshire, in 1986 for cosmetic surgery on a strawberry birthmark on her forehead. She was left unable to see, crawl, feed or talk.

After years of help from her parents, Roger and Brenda Edwards, and volunteers from their village of Elmsett, near Hadleigh, Suffolk, she can see again and has recovered some movement.

Daniel Brennan, QC, for the family, told Mr Justice McKinnon at the High Court in London that the settlement was "an enormous amount of money - the largest amount ever awarded against any individual doctor so far". The circum-

stances were "truly tragic". The consultant anaethetist, Thomas Ogg, admitted liability in 1994 but it has taken many years for the family to fight for the amount of money needed to provide for their daughter's care regime. After the hearing. Mr Edwards said: "This legal battle has taken a quarter of our lives, so we are very thankful that it is over

He said that they had been encouraged by experts that Helen deserves a quality of life, not just nursing or institu-

THE Scottish Health Minis-

ter, Sam Galbraith, called for an inquiry yesterday into the hepatitis B scare at two hospi-

als. Avrshire and Arran Health Board is offering coun-

selling and blood tests to

around 5,000 patients after it

was revealed that a junior doc-

risk to patients is very low, but

is sending letters to patients at

Crosshouse Hospital and Ayr

Hospital who may have come

Yesterday Mr Galbraith in-

sisted that officials had acted

responsibly in tackling the

scare. But he added: "I will be

asking for a report into how

well the guidelines have been

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tor was carrying the infection. The board claims that the



Helen Edwards: has regained her sight

tional care. In particular, we must thank all those people who have helped us over the years, especially those who gave their time and who wrote witness statements on Helen's

He said that the £3.9 million would seem "a lot of money to most people" but Helen would need it to pay others to facilitate her every activity, 24 hours a day.

"As her parents, we will continue to work hard to ensure the money lasts to provide as happy and fulfilling a life for her as possible."

The settlement meant security for Helen's future, But he added: 'The fact is that we would rather have our daughter back as she was, rather than all the money in the

The family's solicitor, Sandra Patton, said that the settlement was so large because Helen's disabilities were so se-

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He said that anyone coming

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assessed with a blood test be-

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Call for inquiry at

hepatitis hospitals

By A CORRESPONDENT

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cent House of Lords ruling that injured people should not have to make risky investment of their awards to earn sufficient interest. The money will be used to

confinue to pay the care teams and essential equipment and in due course to move Helen into her own adapted bunga-low, she said. The judge ap-proved a payment from the sertlement of £150,000 to the parents who have given up their careers to devote time to their

Stephen Miller, QC, representing Dr Ogg, said: "I would not like it thought that this award will become a benchmark for damages of this type. This is a unique case and that is why the damages are so great.

Dr Ogg, who is retired, was indemnified by the Medical Protection Society, which will pay the award.



Brenda and Roger Edwards yesterday. They gave up their careers to care for Helen

GPs fear funds move will make care harder

ONLY one in eight GPs thinks that the Government's reform of their practices next April will make it easier for them to treat patients, according to a survey released today. Half said that the changes would make it more difficult

Their main objection is to the primary care groups, un-der which GPs will form groups of about 50 to controt the budget for local hospital care. Mike Pringle, incoming chairman of the Royal College of General Practitioners, said that the change had been driven through too fast and should have been voluntary for a trial period, like GP fundholding.

This is an imposed change that did not come from the profession," he said, "Personal responsibility is diluted. In dealing with an individual patient. doctor will have to be mindful of primary care group policy, to which he may not have contributed."

The survey of 883 GPs by MORI for Macmillan Cancer Relief showed GPs to be largely unaware or sceptical about a cancer pledge that was also in last year's NHS White Pa-per. This guarantees that by the year 2000, anyone with suspected cancer will be seen by a specialist within two weeks. For breast cancer, the pledge

starts next year. Professor Pringle: "A hoarse throat might be the first symptom of cancer of the throat, but il is much more likely to be a throat infection. If every patient with suspected cancer has to be seen in hospital in two weeks the health service is quite unable to deliver that

"If only certain patients with certain symptoms need to be referred so quickly, we need to have detailed guidelines."

A Health Department spokesman said that the scheme for primary care groups had the backing of GPs when the most recent proposals were released in June: We are shortly issuing more details about how it will enable GPs to put patients' needs at the heart of their decision-

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Tyneside opera house offers echo of Sydney

GATESHEAD is to add a touch of Sydney to Tyneside is with a £60 million riverside music centre that recalls the

shape of the Opera House.
Designs by Sir Norman Foster for the building, which will dominate the Gateshead side of the river, were unveiled yesterday and will be put to the Arts Council for funding early

The design for the Gateshead Music Centre is reminiscent of the yacht-sail shapes of the Sydney Opera House, which stands beside a version of the Tyne Bridge. The designers of the music centre claim that its three "ripples" mirror

Arts Council has already indicated that the project has a high priority, along with refur-bishments of the Royal Shakespeare Company's theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon and the

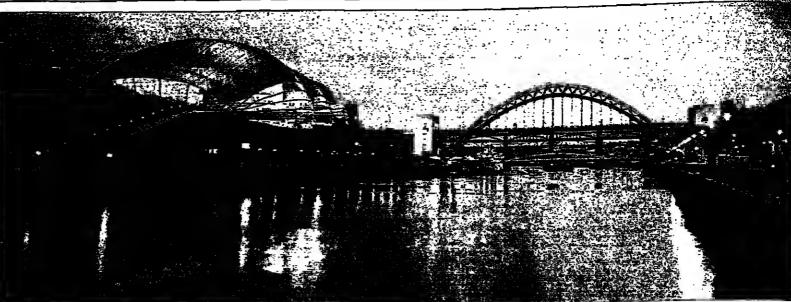
South Bank complex. The project team is led by Gateshead council, its public arts programme has already produced the giant Angel of the North sculpture. The new building is part of a £100 million-plus scheme to create an international visual and musical centre of excellence in the

Work has already begun on the £46 million refurbishment of the nearby Baltic Flour

storey grain store, which dominates the southern bank of the Tyne. It is being converted into

the largest contemporary visu-al arts gallery outside London. Both will be linked to the new Quayside quarter across the river in Newcastle by a footbridge, funded by the Millenium Commission and intended to open by the turn of the century. Its design allows the bridge to pivot upwards to allow ships to pass beneath. The entire complex is expected to create 1,000 jobs.

The music centre, which will provide a permanent home for the Northern Sinfonia orchestra, comprises seven



An artist's impression of the £60 million Gateshead Music Centre, designed by Sir Norman Foster. The building could be completed by 2002

will provide a 1,650-seat concert hall, another 400-seater multi-purpose hall, a large rehearsal hall and a music

There will also be a regional music information centre and facilities for the Sinfonia and the Folkworks organisation. which brings together all forms of professional and amateur music-making in the region, from folk to classical. All

will be linked by a glass-front-ed public concourse with views across the river. The information centre will be open ló hours a day, along with a cafe bar, box office and shops. Up to 500,000 visitors a year are expected. If the funding is granted as planned by next summer, the building should

be completed by 2002. George Gill, the leader of Gateshead council, said: "We will have a building which not only ranks as one of the best in the world for music, but will also be a breathtaking new landmark for the North East. "It's going to be an international site and I'm delighted

the region has been crying out for for the last 50 years. Tony Pender, chairman of the trust that will run the new centre, said: "It's about com-

with the plans. It's something

posing music, performing music. listening to music, learning about music and joining in. It will be a building with open doors - a living breathing building which will be buzzing with activity." John Summers, chief execu-

tive of Northern Sinfonia, said: 'Not only will this groundbreaking centre fulfil a long-held dream by finally provid-ing a much-needed world-class

venue for Northern Sinfonia but it will also open up endless opportunities for the orchestra to work on a day-to-day basis with the community in which it serves".

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Andrew Dixon , chief executive of Northern Arts, said: "Like the Angel of the North, it will stand as a symbol of Northern Arts' ambitions for the North to be seen as a home

Norman's conquest and the reshaping of modern Britain

By Dominic Kennedy and Marcus Binney

THE Fosterisation of Britain continues apace, as the world's most commissioned architect seizes the chances offered by the National Lottery building boom.

As well as the new concert hall in Gateshead, Sir Nor-man Foster is creating a Great Court at the British Museum and a millennium footbridge linking St Paul's and Bankside in London. Both are largely paid for by the Millennium Commission, using lottery

players' money. Near the Dome, designed by his great rival Lord Rogers of Riverside, Sir Norman has built the breathtaking North interchange, where visitors will arrive for the exhibition. Two of his ideas, a motorway sign system and a wind energy generator, as Millennium Products for possible display in the Dome. Sir Norman's steel and glass designs were once main-



ly used for business landmarks such as the billion-dollar Hongkong and Shanghai Bank skyscraper, the most expensive building of the 1980s. In Britain, his reputation for creating exciting colporate headquarters was sealed with the Willis Faber and Dumas head office, now a listed building, in Ipswich. He also created the futuristic ITN headquarters in Gray's Inn Road,

The success of his Stansted airport design helped him to win the commission for the new Hoog Kong international airport, the world's largest construction project.

But he is increasingly moving towards creating temples of art. His Carré d'Art in Nimes, France, was praised for bringing modern architecture into a sensitive cityscape. opposite a Roman temple. In Valencia, bome of the architect Santiago Calatrava, it was Sir Norman who won the contract to design a new Palace of Congresses, shaped like an Af-

rican war shield. His success

is a victory for sleek modernism. It leaves the Prince of Wales's crusade to bury modern architecture as doomed as the twin towers of Wembley Stadium, which are likely to be demolished in Foster's rede-

> His architectural practice earns plaudits as well as contracts. The saucer-shaped con

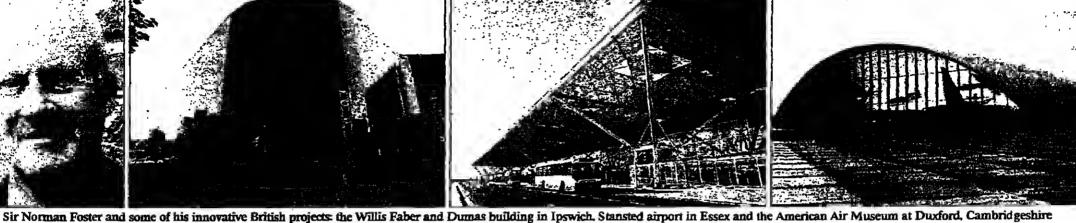
crete and glass American Air Museum, opened at Duxford aerodrome near Cambridge last year, won a Building of the Year award.

Nobody can imagine Sir Norman saying that he is too busy to accept a commission. He owns the bulk of shares in the architectural practice Foster and Partners and makes

some individual contribution to each project won.

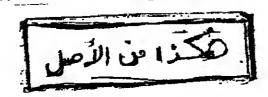
Continental Europe is be-coming Fosterised too. He has converted a power station in the Ruhr into a museum of design while keeping original features like electricity generators, pipes and iron staircases. A 1.5-mile road bridge spanning the Tarn valley at Millau, regarded as the last great European engineering chal-lenge of the century, is his. And while Lord Rogers was chosen to build the bome of the Welsh assembly in Cardiff, Sir Norman went one better. He woo the contract to rebuild the Reichstag, bousing the parliament of Europe's

most powerful nation.



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Girls' head stands up for single mothers

John O'Leary reports on a call for more flexibility in child-rearing

SINGLE parents are just as capable of bringing up children successfully as traditional families, the leader of Britain's top

girls' schools said yesterday. Jackie Anderson, the president of the Girls Schools Association, cited Elizabeth I and Cherie Blair as examples of well-adjusted figures brought up in unconventional house-holds. She said children would survive marital break-up if both parents continued to play

a role in their upbringing. Mrs Anderson, the headmistress of King's High School, Warwick, told the association's annual conference that most girls still wanted to marry and provide a stable envi-ronment for their children. But they were determined to

pursue a career and might postpone motherhood indefinitely if they felt the pressure of work was too great. "Society needs to be more flexible to enable them to keep their careers going and still enjoy their chil-

Mrs Anderson's positive . view of single parents con-



Elizabeth I: thrived in unconventional family

trasts sharply with those ex-pressed by the heads of boys' and mixed schools last month. Patrick Tobin, the president of the Headmasters and Headmistresses' Conference, said that divorce was behind most serious disciplinary offences in independent schools. He said a survey had revealed that marital breakdown was seen by schools as a greater threat to "good order" than drugs or alcohol.

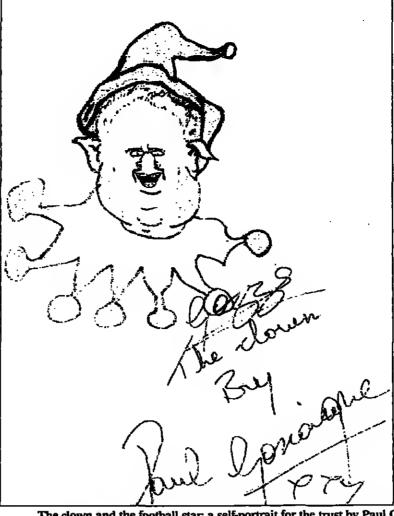
Mrs Anderson said the Government was right to emphasise the advantages of traditional family values in this month's Green Paper. But the reality was often different. 'There are plenty of happy, well-adjusted people around who did not have the conventional two parents."

In her opening address to the conference in Glasgow, Mrs Anderson said: "I sometimes think of Elizabeth 1 - a highly successful leader whose home life offered a series of role models who taught her how to avoid following in their footsteps."

She said she shared with Mrs Blair an upbringing in which her grandmother played a large part. The Prime Minister's wife was looked after by her grandmother from

the age of six weeks.

Mrs Anderson, who has been married for 35 years and has two adult children, said: One person can be sufficient to nurture a well-balanced individual. Divorce is a fact of life but damage limitation is possible if parents can be generous enough to ensure that the child is not divorced along with the partner."





The clown and the football star: a self-portrait for the trust by Paul Gascoigne and a cartoon by his friend Jimmy "Five Bellies" Gardner

Gascoigne plays the clown for charity

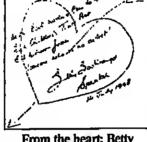
By Paul WILKINSON

PAUL GASCOIGNE has made an art form of playing the clown both on and off the field, and now a self-portrait

proves the point.

The Middlesbrough midfielder, once labelled "daft as a brush" by Bobby Robson when he was the England football manager, was among ce-lebrities asked to paint a selfportrait to raise money for the Sick Children's Trust.

The result is a felt-tip sketch of a clown, complete with court jester's yellow ruff and red hat Jimmy "Five Bellies" Gardner, Gascoigne's friend and minder, has also contrib-uted to the Draw Attention exhibition. He has portrayed Gascoigne sweating in a Newcastle United strip as he strides down the pitch. Yesterday a psychologist



From the heart: Betty Boothroyd's creation

said that Gascoigne's self-portrait revealed low self-esteem. Professor Jenny Firth-Cozens, professor of clinical psychology at University of Northum-bria in Newcastle, said: "This role is something people, espe-cially children, often play when their self-image is not as strong as it should be."

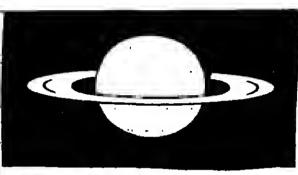
One of Gascoigne's most fa-

mous stunts was wearing false breasts while riding on top of an open bus when Eng-land returned from the 1990 World Cup. He also outraged Italian television viewers by belching into a micropbone when approached for an inter-view during his time with

Lazio. The exhibition, which includes about 600 works by celebrities and professional art-ists, is on show at the Hatton Gallery at Newcastle University and will be sold in sealed

bids on Saturday. The televisioo presenter Anthea Turner has doodled a horse's head, while Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker of the House of Commons, has drawn a heart and the message, With best wishes from someone who is no artist.' Other cootributors include the as-

tronomer Patrick Moore.



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Mother wins fight to keep her baby in prison

By Michael Horsnell

A PRISONER yesterday won her legal battle to stop the Prison Service taking away her two-week-old baby.

In what is seen as a test case for the rights of mothers in jail, the 24-year-old former psy-chology student is expected to be offered a place in a special mother and baby unit.

Three senior judges were told that prison chiefs had agreed to reconsider her application for a place at Holloway prison, North London, where she is serving a five-year sen-tence for wounding with intent after slashing the face of a love rival. She had been refused a place at the mother and baby unit because of alleged disrup-tive behaviour and because she was considered a risk to other mothers and babies.

A special admissions board meeting will sit at the prison later this week when an offer is expected to be agreed after a Prison Service climbdown outlined in court.

It emerged after the hearing that the Prison Service, which has four such units in England and Wales with a total of 68 places, will be reviewing its

procedures.

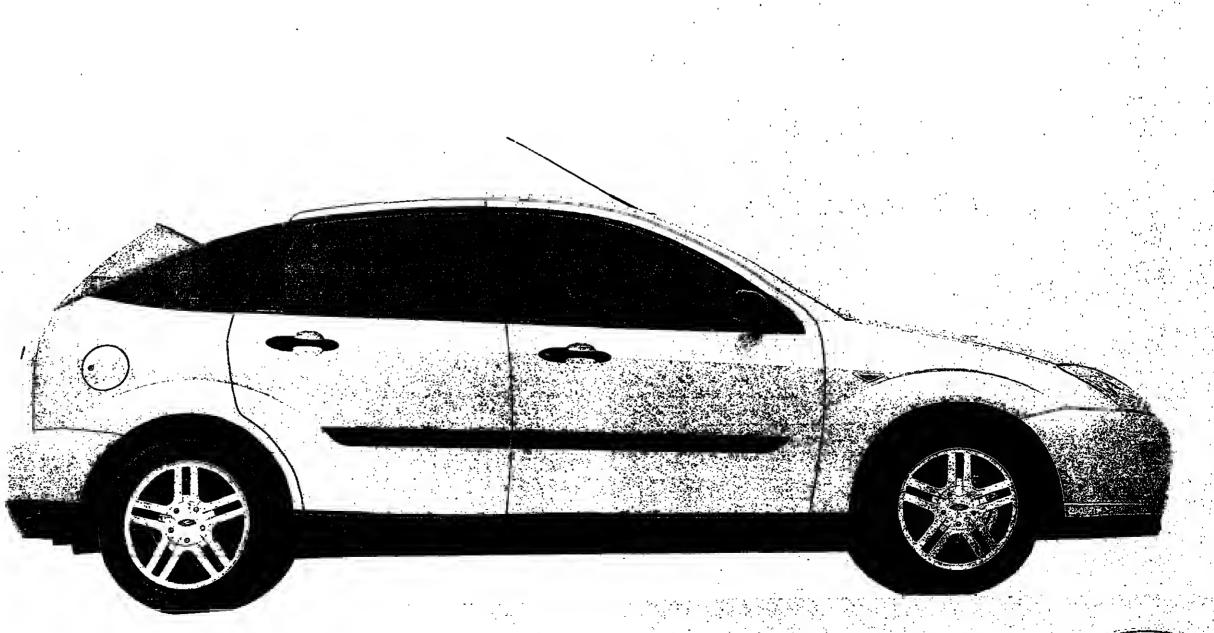
Despite the outcome of the case, however, Lord Justice Evans, sitting with Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice Brooke, warned the mother to

The hearing yesterday was the penultimate stage in a legal battle over the decision in September by Mike Sheldrick, the prison governor, to part Miss E from her daughter

once she was born.

Holloway was accused of acting "unfairly and unlawfully" and failing in their legal duty properly to take into account the child's best interests.

Miss E gave birth under guard in hospital outside the prison on November 3 and has been breast-feeding. She denied allegations that she was involved in fighting, violence and bullying while in jail.







An open and shut case for getting rid of hereditary peers

THE constitutional ping-pong be-tween the Commons and the Lords over the European elections Bill is

Entering its fourth round in the Lords this afternoon, the dispute shows what is wrong with the Lords. This is not merely the ability of hereditary peers to swamp the votes of life peers, but is as much about how the powers of the upper House should be exercised.

Viscount Cranborne, the Conservative leader, finds it hard to keep a straight face when he invokes democratic principles to challenge a closed-list election of candifer first past the post to proportional representation, are making mischief. Such tactics are the Tories' right and they know they cannot push it loo far.

The issue itself, the choice of open or closed lists for the election of candidates, is, in practice, finely judged. Most of us would instinc-tively opt for an open-list system under which voters themselves pick the order of candidates on the list offered by the parties, or an independent candidate. This is in contrast to the closed list, the Government's preference, under which voters choose between alternative tickets of candidates with the order of preference already fixed by the

Rejoice for democracy: not quite. The open-list system has a number of disadvantages. It encourages candidates of the same party to compete against each other and may produce perverse results whereby some candidates can be elected with fewer votes than those who fail to be elected.

A closed list also allows parties to ensure that women and ethnic minorities have a better chance of being elected by putting them high-

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er up the list. The choice is not straightforward and certainly not a grand matter of principle. My preference would be to allow people to vote for either a party list or a candidate. This might make little difference in practice, but it would give voters the choice. It is question of relative balance, not absolute

The Lords has already asked the Commons to reconsider the matter

three times and, on each occasion, there has been a big majority in fa-your of closed lists. These exchanges could go on until the end of the current session this Thursday or

This could force the Government either to drop the Bill, invoking the cumbersome Parliament Act procedure to push the measure through in the next session, or to accept an open-list system.

The Lords have, in practice, accepted limitations on this unlimited power. After forcing the Commons to think again twice, the Lords have usually accepted the

will of the elected chamber. As Lord Richard, now the wise owl of Labour backbench peers, noted last Thorsday, if these understandings were to break down. "the sensible constitutional relationship between the two Houses would also

break down". Strangely, the contrary view was put by a fellow Labour peer. Lord Stoddart of Swindon, one of the most sanctimonious and disagreeable members of either House. Using the word "duty" eleven times in a brief speech, he said the Lords "has the right and duty to insist on its amendments if it believes they

are correct". On this view, the Lords has an absolute vero, and is: not just a revising chamber exercising its powers with restraint.

This tiresome episode has shown that any reform of the Lords must focus on the powers of the upper House as much as its

composition. There will have to be formal rules on what the Lords can do, and probably some kind of joint conference procedure. Getting rid of hereditary peers is merely a pre-

PETER RIDDELL. 🞉

SNP denies

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BY GILLIAN HARRIS

SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Government was ac-

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myth of Scots as "subsidy junk-

ies" yesterday with the publica-tion of an official report claim-

ing that Scotland receives

much more taxpayers' money than England and Wales.

Field ups stakes on pensions

FRANK FIELD, the former minisler, yesterday stepped up the pressure for compulsory second pensions (Jill Sherman writes].

Mr Field, who resigned as Minister for Welfare Reform because his proposals had been blocked, published his own tenminute rule Bill which would require all workers aged 20 and over to contribute to a second stakeholder pension. Pensioners would be entitled to a flat-rate payment equivalent to 30 per cent of average earnings, dou-

ble the current amount. The stakeholder pension would complement the state pension and would be phased in over 40-45 years. Contributions would be earnings related. Poorest groups. carers and mothers with children under five, would be funded by higher earners' contributions. Ministers are still final-

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Warren Evans: protest against Cardiff infighting

Inbred world of Welsh politics exposed by assembly challenge

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

BUSINESSMAN from Swansea yesterday joined in the contest for the leadership of the Welsh assembly and in doing so highlighted the small and incestuous world of the

Welsh Labour Party.
Roger Warren Evans, 62,
the third candidate to stand for the office of First Secretary. is unusual because he is an outsider. That means he has never shared an office, a flat, a wife or a secretary with any of

> First time around it was a straight head-to-head contest between Ron Davies and Rhodri Morgan. The MP for Caer-philly and the MP for Cardiff West were linked by more than their politics. The former Welsh Secre-

tary's righthand man and principal political adviser was Mr Morgan's next-door neighbour. Huw Roberts. Mr Roberts lives next door to Mr Morgan in Michaelston-le-Pit near Cardiff, and his wife Julia is Mr Morgan's constituency sec-

the other key players. His pros-pects are said to be slim.

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terday that his intervention is

in part a protest at the infight-

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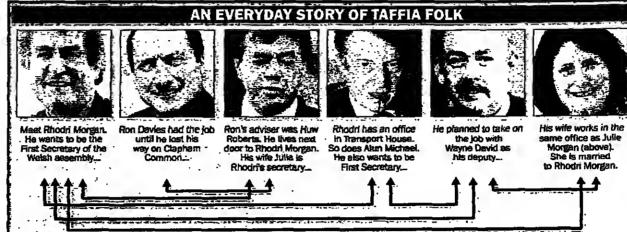
of Welsh Labour politics the contest is as much about old

friendships and old rivalries

as it is about the future of the

to the claustrophobic world

Ron Davies.



retary. The two couples share a London flat.

Mr Roberts, who is working out three months' notice after Mr Davies's downfall, announced yesterday that he will be standing for election to the

Mr Morgan is running against Mr Davies's successor

as Weish Secretary. Alun Michael, the MP for Cardiff Cardiff North. South. The pair shared a

and were often seen out jog-ging together around Cardiff. has so far declined to declare Mr Morgan's office is on the his hand. fourth floor of Transport House in Cardiff, while the "They all know each other very, very well indeed. We hope they will all still be main Labour Party office backing Mr Michael is two floors friends when this is all over." below. One floor below that is are the offices of the Transport and General Workers' Union

pate a unity ticket. The suggestion was that Mr Michael would stand for election as leader with Mr Morgan sharing the role of deputy with Wayne David, former leader of the Labour group in

which has been trying to nego-

cramped office for many years

Mr David's wife Catherine is employed in the office of Julie Morgan, wife of Rhodri,

who is herself Labour MP for Mr David is also being tipped as a candidate for the

top job in Welsh politics but

One Labour worker said:

The executive of the Welsh Labour Party meets on Thursday to thrash out the mechanism for electing the First Secretary. They are expected to opt for one member one vote which would give the advantage to Mr Morgan.

Downing Street regards Mr Morgan as a loose cannon. Friends of Mr Morgan say that Tony Blair's view of the MP was coloured by a night spent at his rambling former

farmhouse when the future Labour leader was working with Mr Morgan in the Shadow team under John Smith.

According to friends, the demands of politics leaves the Morgans little time for household chores. Mr Blair, who has a reputation for being near and meticulous, was described as lost for words after the experience.

Mr Morgan later told friends how his mother-in-law Grace Edwards came downstairs to make a Sunday morning cup of tea and discovered Mr Blair kneeling in the kitchen. Fearing that he had been taken ill she leaned over to check he was all right, only to find Mr Blair was praying. Mrs Edwards then introduced herself, saying: "It's

very nice to meet you, Lionel

The report shows that Scotland received £3.2 billion of subsidies from the rest of the United Kingdom as well as

more money per head of population for health, education and social security in 1996-97. The statistics, published in the latest edition of the Government Expenditure and Revenue in Scotland report, show that Scotland had a deficit of £7.1 billion in 1996-97, However, when the declining revenues from North Sea oil were taken into account, along with the proceeds from privatisa-tion, the deficit dropped to £3.2 billion. The shortfall was

the Exchequer. The report also reveals that Scots received from the Government £4,826 for every person - E777 more than the average amount received in England and Wales.

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Unveiling the figures, Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, said they showed the true state of Scotland's finances

The Scottish National Party dismissed the report as a "thoroughly discredited exercise" and claimed it was designed to perpetuate the belief among some English Tory MPs that Scots were "subsidy junkies".

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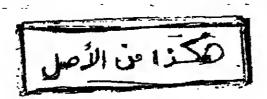


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Tourism takes toll on the Taj

India's most famous landmark faces closure because of damage by visitors and pollution, writes Christopher Thomas in Delhi

THE Taj Mahal, battered by people, sandstorms and pollution, may be permanently closed. It is suffering the ravages of 10 million pairs of feet trudging across its marble floors every year, adding to its acceleraong decay.

The decline is visible: the marble steps leading to the main part of the mausoleum are cracked and worn from over-use and some of the white marble slabs in the dome and minarets have been replaced because they have disintegrated from "marble cancer" the result of decades of chronic pollunon from vehicles, brickworks and iron foundries in and around Agra. one of the filthiest ciries in India.

The new slabs are patently just that: the stone surrounding them is yellow with time, much of it marked with brown spots - evidence of polludon damage. The area immediately around the Taj has improved substantially since a supreme coun ruling two years ago ordering the closure of 200 iron foundries unless they switched from solid fuel to gas, but by then much of the damage had been done.

Hundreds of other factories were ordered out of a 6,500 square mile area around the monument, and batterydriven buses were introduced to carry tourists from car parks nearly a nule away. The buses are no longer in use because the authorioes have failed to replace worn-out batteries.

Guards at the Taj do little to protect the monument: children can be seen urinating against it and the constant touching of delicate work in marble and semi-precious stones has caused many pockets of damage. Tree felling in the Rajasthan desert has created sandstorms that have

caused serious erosion of the marble.

The vaults at the base of the building.

where Emperor Shah Jehan and his fa-

vourite wife are buried, have been so badly damaged by visitors they have been permanently closed to the public. The tasteless lighting installed to illuminate the Taj has been widely crio-cised. Every Friday, when entry is free,

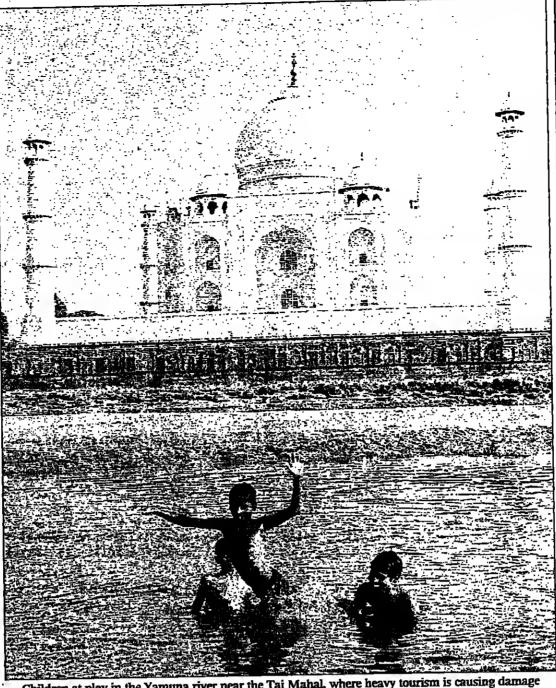
around 100,000 people pour into the Taj. Every year more than 10 million people visit the 17th century mausoleum, built by 20,000 labourers and craftsmen - some of whom had their thumbs severed afterwards so they

could never repeat the masterpiece. D.V. Sharma, superintendent of the Agra branch of the Archaeological Survey of India, a much criocised and financially strapped government body meant to preserve ancient monuments. issued dire warnings that the Taj was crumbling from the deluge of tourists and that drastic steps were necessary.

He raised the possibility of perma-nent closure, but added that at the very least the number of visitors should be curbed. Privately, officials directly involved in preserving the Taj say that ulomately there will be no choice but to close the monument in order to slow its decline. There has been buck-passing between the Survey and the Govern-ment's Department of Tourism over who is responsible for controlling the number of visitors. The Survey has publicly declared the urgent need for a cut-back and criocised the tourism department for failing to address the crisis properly

Agra and the surrounding region are rich with historical monuments that are rarely visited - probably because Agra is such a foul city and most people flee once they have seen the Taj. The state government of Uttar Pradesh and the federal Government in Delhi are jointly spending £85 million to try to clean up the environment - which, if anything, will bring more visitors. Controlling entry to the building, the most popular tourist destination in India, could prove to be politically difficult because of the money it generates. Allowing the Taj to fall apart also has political dangers, given the perception among many Muslim leaders that the Hindu nationalist-led Government in Delhi has scant interest in protecting India's Islamic heritage.

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Children at play in the Yamuna river near the Taj Mahal, where heavy tourism is causing damage

List of endangered natural and man-made wonders grows

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE closure of the Taj Mahal would add one more name to a growing list of world heritage sites where access is now restricted or impossible. As world tourism increases, the number of ancient monuments that have to be protected from the pounding of human feet and the humidity of human breath is growing.

The prehistoric paintings of the Lascaux caves in the Dordogne,

France, have only been visible in reproduction since the 1970s, when the caves were closed to visitors because their breath was promoting the growth of damaging moulds.

In Egypt several tombs in the Valley of the kings are permanently closed, while the three giant pyramids of Giza are being closed in turn this year and next to give them some respite. In Italy the basilica at Assisi is closed while restoration work continues on frescoes smashed in the earthquake of 1997, while in Pisa people are no longer permitted to scale the leaning tower in case they bring about its downfall.

Florence issues permits to limit the city's visitors to 500 coaches and 50,000 people a day.
In Malta the Saflieni hypogeum.

an enormous underground burial complex, is now closed for restoration after decades of lax management led to extensive damage by vandals and graffio artists.

In Britain access to our own prime heritage site. Stonehenge, has been off-bounds for more than 20 years. and there has been talk of declaring the summit of Snowdon off limits as

Visitors to the Andean ruins of Machu Picchu in Peru and to the Galapagos Islands in the Pacific are severely restricted. The Monteverde cloud forest reserve in Costa Rica only allows 100 visitors at a time, and that to one small corner of its area.

The Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan admits only a few thousand foreigners a year and charges them 265 a day for the privilege. Speakers at a Royal Geographical

Society seminar earlier this year accepted that more oo-go areas were certain to be declared soon.

High on the list are the Yellowstone and Everglades national parks in the United States, both already on Uoesco's danger list of world herit-

Habibie vows to hold early poll

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Jakarta: President Habibie of Indonesia moved swiftly yesterday to shore up his Government's battered reputation with promises of a full invesogation into last week's killings which would not spare the security forces, and a commitment to ear-lier-than-expected presidencial elections (David Watts writes). Police cononued to question members of a reformist group

they say tried to overthrow the Government. So far 11 of 18 signatories to a perioon denouncing the People's Representative Assembly and calling for a provisional government have been held but none charged. Dr Habibie said students had been used to insogate the violence that led to 14 deaths.

Tobacco pact agreed

Washington: Four US tobacco companies agreed to pay \$206 billion (£124 billion) over 25 years to recompense eight states for Medicaid funds spent on smoking-related illnesses(tan Br-odie writes). The four will scrap billboard advertising, stop using merchandise to promote brands and ban marketing aimed at children — but still sponsor sports events. However the pact does not offer protection from lawsuits. The Clinton Administration will fight for tougher legislation in Congress.

Schröder in Moscow

Moscow: Gerhard Schröder, the German Chancellor, made it clear on his first trip to Moscow as head of Government that he would not seek to revive the relationship enjoyed by his predecessor. Helmui Kohl, and President Yeltsin (Robin Lodge writes. Herr Schröder, who held talks with Yevgeni Primakov, Russia's Prime Minister, said he was looking forward to a scheduled meeting with Mr Yeltsin, but emphasised that he was seeking broader relations with other Rus-

Italy firm on Kurd

Rome: Massimo D'Alema, the ttalian Prime Minister, said Italy could not accept extradioons to countries where the death penalty was in force and would resist threats or pressure over the arrest of Abdullah Ocalan, the Kurdish guerrilla leader. Speaking at a weekly news conference, Signor D'Alema said that the Court of Appeals would make a final decision on Mr Ocalan, who had asked for poliocal asylum, but the Prime Minister gave no indication of when. (Reuters)

Mandela under fire

Johannesburg: A unit set up by President Mandela to tackle government corruption has become involved in a clash with Thabo Mbeki, the Deputy President, who will succeed him next year, over its decision to issue a summons against Dr Nkosazama Zuma, the Health Minister (Ray Kennedy writes). She has been ordered to account for the £1.4 million funding of a musical to increase Aids awareness among youth. Mr Mbeki said she would be vigorously defended.

Suicide injures guard

Los Angeles: A woman attempting to kill herself jumped off a six-storey building and landed on a security guard who tried to catch her. The woman died and the guard suffered a broken neck. The woman, who was not identified, warned people on the ground that she was going to jump and everyone moved except the guard, Conrad Buchanan. The woman suffered a broken back and died in hopsital. The guard, 26, was in a serious but stable condition. (AP)

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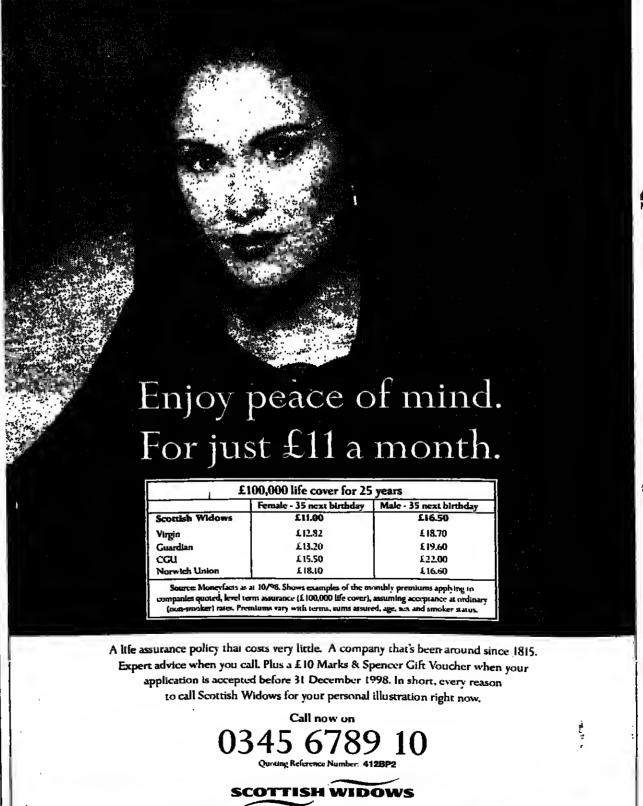
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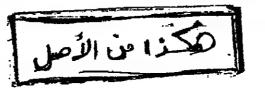
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Relatives sue over sailors killed in hurricane

By Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent

THE families of West Indian crew members who drowned when the tall ship Fantome sank during Hurricane Mitch off the coast of Honduras last month are to sue the vessel's owners for sending their loved ones out on what they claim was a suicide mission.

Thirty West Indian men are presumed to have drowned with their skipper, Guyan March, 32, from St Austell, Cornwall, when the 282ft Fantome was overcome by huge seas and ferocious winds off the coast of Honduras on the night of October 27. No bodies have been found and sea searches have turned up only two empty liferafts and part of a wooden staircase.

Lawyers for the families say that the disaster would never have happened had the ship not set sail into some of the worst conditions in a century in the Caribbean. Bill Huggett, a Miami-based lawyer who specialises in representing seamen and who has filed papers on behalf of 15 families. claims the ship's owners val-



March: missing skipper of the ill-fated Fantome

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ued the 1927-vintage Fantome above the lives of its crew. Mr Huggett said that, while

it was common practice for cruise ships to put to sea to get our of the way of a hurricane, these were exceptional circumstances. "This was a killer - it was the worst hurricane in 100 years with winds of 180mph, which were enough to blow concrete buildings down, let alone an antique sailing vessel," Mr Huggett added.

He also alleges that Mr March was effectively ordered to go back to sea by Michael Burke, the president of Windjammer Barefoot Cruises of Miami, the ship's owners. who was communicating with the skipper from his offices by satellite telephone. However. Mr Burke has been quoted in reports in the American press as saying that it was Mr March's decision to set sail again, something the company claims was both correct at the time and standard practice in the marine industry.

The disaster came after the three-masted Fantome docked in Belize to put off 97 cruise passengers and also ten new crew members, including all the women, as Mr March and Mr Burke both became increasingly concerned about

the approaching storm.
It was then decided to put to sea to try to ride out the worst of the hurricane in the lee of Roatan island, 25 miles off the Honduran coast. But a change in Mitch's predicted course produced horrendous conditions and the ship was overcome in 50ft waves in a storm that raged for 30 hours.

The family of Mr March are not involved with the legal action and do not plan to sue the

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FROM GILES WHITTELL IN WASHINGTON

A MYSTERY surrounds the death of a parish priest who embezzled \$1.35 million (£813,000) from his Pittsburgh church collections and lost much of it in Atlantic City's ca-

Father Walter Benz was a victim of advanced leukaemia and a disgrace to his Catholic diocese when he died two months ago after an oxygen tube and intravenous drip were pulled from his body.

Detectives are now wrestling with a nurse's story about two strangers seen at his deathbed — and never seen again. Were they angels of mercy or vengeful parishioners, or characters concocted by the nurse in desperation? The parish of St Mary Assumption is reeling from the revelation that for 26 years its priest siphoned \$1,000 a week from collection plates to pay for properties in Pennsylvania and Fiorida, rare coins, old guns and a Cadillac as

well as his gambling. He also lived for three years with a woman parishioner who joined his scam after catching him red-handed. Fr Benz died at 72 after confessing embezzlement to a church official and sinking into a coma on the day of his arrest.

Barely a week later, an alarm sounded in his nursing home to indicate his intravenous tube had been disconnected. The first nurse on the scene said that he found a middle aged couple standing over his bed, one of them holding his hand. In the frenzy that followed the couple vanished. Before he died Fr Benz told

police that Mary Albaugh, 51, became his partner in crime. She now stands accused of theft, forgery and conspiracy. She reportedly urged doctors to withdraw life support. but deferred to her lawyer. With eerie prescience he advised her to wait and see next week", he told the Los Ange-

les Times. "I said, God works

in mysterious ways."

Presidency Turner

By DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON

A BID for the White House by Ted Turner, the flamboyant media mogul, appeared over yesterday before it had really

begun. The billionaire had already said that his wife, the actress Jane Fonda, was opposed to his running, but had not elabo-rated on his plans other than to paint a doomsday scenario of America being swamped by starving people.

But yesterday he responded to a report in The New Yorker issuing a statement through Time Warner Inc. "As of today Mr Turner has no plans to run for office," said a spokesman, who would not comment on quotes attributed to Mr Turner which suggested there were problems in his

He had apparently astonished a 300-strong dinner audience by saying: "We just came from the marriage counsellor in Santa Monica. Jane wants me to become a saint - but

Mr Turner, founder of the Cable News Network (CNN) and vice-president of Time Warner, was collecting a World Citizenship Award from the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. He attacked the Government, saying: The United States is the one that doesn't want to get rid of nuclear weapons because somehow they think that we're going to be able to use nuclear weapons to save ourselves from the starving masses of the Third World when they come to our doorstep.

"But that's not the way they are going to come in. They're coming from across the Mexican border right now ... they'll come from Saudi Arabia when they run out of oil ... the real threat is no longer an army marching on us, it's people infiltraring us. you know, that are starving. And what are we going to do? Shoot em? Ms Fonda was reported to have said only: Wherever Ted goes, I go."



President Chirac of France visits survivors of Hurricane Mitch at a nursery in the northern Guatemalan community of Punta Manabique. The makeshift facility is being run by French firefighters

Japanese troops fly in with aid for Honduras

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN TEGUCIGALPA

troops and military planes landed at Tegucigalpa airport yesterday as part of the Hurrican Mitch relief effort - the first time Japanese soldiers have been deployed abroad in a foreign capacity since the Second World War.

They upstaged a brief visit by Hillary Clinton, the wife of President Clinton, touring Central America to inspect the storm damage. The arrival yesterday of President Chirac of France also aroused great interest after his country last week announced it was writing off a \$100 million (£62.5 million) debt by Honduras and Nicaragua. The Honduran Govern-

ment is anxiously seeking international support for the further writing off of its \$4 bil-lion debt with several countries and interational banks. But it was the arrival of the Japanese that captured the spotlight. For decades Hondurans have been used to seeing headlines announcing the arrival of American troops in

TWO-HUNDRED Japanese their country. Yesterday it was a different story. "Japanese troops arrive!" exclaimed one front page.

In recent years Japan has emerged as one the top for-eign aid donors in the region. surpassing the United States and the European Union. Honduras is especially grateful. After US aid dropped from record levels in the 1980s of \$190 million a year to \$30 million in the 1990s. Japan picked up the slack, averaging about \$90 million a year. Tha dropped last year to about \$80 million as a result of the Asian financial crisis, but the troop arrival has again demonstrat-ed Tokyo's commitment to the region. The Japanese will be working in medical teams and plan to set up a mobile

hospital. British and European aid continues to arrive. The Red Cross has set up a virtual airbridge between Honduras and its donors. At least eight aid flights have arrived at Soto Cano Air Force base in Honduras.



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Jailing closes terror chapter in Germany

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

MONtKA HAAS was jailed for five years yesterday for her part in an aircraft hijacking a sentencing that marked Germany's final reckoning with its terrorist past. In 1977 she had smuggled

weapons and explosives to a Palestinian hit squad, which then hijacked a Lufthansa jet in an unsuccessful attempt to free Red Army Faction terror-ists. The attack formed part of the dramatic climax of Germany's "years of blood and lead". Terrorist stunts in the 1970s and assassinations that endured well into the 1980s put a massive strain on the German political system.

Above all, it moulded the political class of 1968 that has taken power: both Gerhard Schröder, the Chancellor, and Ono Schily, Interior Minister, were defence lawyers for members of the terrorist milieu. Joschka Fischer, the Foreign Minister, and other leading Green Party personalities were in sympathy with many aims (though not methods) of the Baader-Meinhoff group.

The Government would like public memories of those years to fade, but this seems unlikely as long as Carlos the Jackal - regarded as the guiding spirit behind the interna-

FROM CHARLES BREMNER

IN BRUSSELS

DESPITE years of promised

reforms, the European Com-

mission and EU states last

year mishandled £3 billion of

taxpayers' money on schemes

that were poorly monitored.

mismanaged or fraudulent,

the Union's financial watch-

For the fourth successive

year, the Court of Auditors is

withholding its approval of the

EU's £65 billion annual spend-

ing because more than 5 per

cent of the funds cannot be ac-

dog is to report today.

tional terrorist movement - is under investigation in France. German authorities have requested the extradition of one German terrorist suspect held in France this autumn and more evidence is emerging of connections between East Ger-

many's Stasi secret police, the Carlos group and the Red Army Faction. Dan Voineau. chief Romanian military prosecutor, admitted at the weekend that the Securitate secret police had paid Carlos to organise anacks within Germa-



Haas: took hijackers' weapons to Majorca

Brussels 'mishandled' £3bn

counted for adequately. The

court acknowledged some im-provements in the Commis-

sion's management, but its lat-

est onslaught will reinforce the

embarrassment inflicted on

the Brussels executive by scan-

dals highlighting shady man-

agement practices and swin-

dles that have cost millions in

wrongly spent aid to the

former Communist bloc and

developing world in the past

The auditors conclude that the accounts once again

showed an unacceptably high incidence of substantive errors

ny. He received \$1 million (£600,000), for example, for a bomb attack on Radio Free Europe's Munich headquarters

The Securitate also supplied explosives to Carlos's German adjutant, Johannes Weinrich. to be smuggled into Berlin for a bomb attack on the Maison de France cultural institute.

Haas seemed unsurprised by her sentence. The prosecutor had demanded ten years, the defence an acquittal. She was found guilty of assisting an attack oo air traffic, complicity in violent hostage-taking and attempted murder.

The Majorca to Frankfurt flight, with 82 passengers and five crew aboard, was diverted to Aden - where Jürgen Schumann, the pilot, was murdered - before reaching Mog-adishu in Somalia. Helmut Schmidt, then Chancellor, ordered the storming of the jet. Hours after the hostages were freed, three Red Army Faction terrorists, including Andreas Baader, its leader, committed

suicide in Stuttgart prison. Six days later, the body of Hanns-Martin Schleyer, the German Employers Federation president, was found in Alsace. So many bloody events sent Germany into shock.

in the transactions underlying

the Commission's payments".

the Commission, is expected to

throw much of the blame for

mismanagement on the mem-

ber states when he responds to

the report today. The Commis-

sion yesterday denied that the

£3 billion had "gone missing"

Britain is one of the worst of-

fenders in customs fraud with

£63 million identified in 455

cases. Among the targets of the auditors' scorn are pay-

ments to fishermen to main-

tain vessels that had already

been scrapped or sunk.

Jacques Santer, President of

Prostitution is not illegal in France, but M Bourgeois faces up to ten years in prison if he is convicted of pimping. Frederic N Guyen, the tena-

ternational jet set.

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FROM BEN MACINTYRE

THE trials of four people ac-

cused of involvement in a high class call-girl ring cater-

ing to international husiness

men, Gulf princes and other

wealthy individuals opened

in Paris yesterday amid spec-

ulation that the names of

prominent clients could be re-

Jean-Pierre Bourgeois, a

51-year-old photographer sus-pected of recruiting young

women to the prostitution net-

work, was charged with "ag-gravated pimping", but his al-leged accomplice in the vice

ring, former Swedish beauty

queen Anika Brumarek, 50,

was not present in court and will be tried separately be-

cause her lawyer was injured

in a receot car accident and

M Bourgeois and Mme Brumarck were arrested in

October 1996 after the French

vice squad stumbled across

the alleged prostitution ring

during a routine investiga-

tion that rapidly balloooed

into an embarrassing interna-

The investigators allegedly found a list of 89 young wom-

en, including 14 minors, and the names of 26 "clients", in-

duding several from the Gulf

states and members of the in-

realed in court.

could not attend.

tional scandal.

cious judge investigating the case, added fuel to the scandal last February when he called in the American actor Robert De Niro for questioniog as a potential witness. Mr de Niro was so enraged hy his treatment at the hands of French lovestigators that he sued the magistrate and anoouuced he was returning his Légion d'honneur medal.

M Boorgeois is suspected of luring young women into the call-girl network, allegedly by claiming he was taking publicity photographs for a cosmetics company and with the promise of minor film roles. A dozen of the women, many of whom were penni-



Anika Brumarck, a former model from Sweden, arrives at the Paris court to hear the opening session of the call-girl trial. She is doe to be tried later for pimping

less aspiring models or actresses from Northern and Eastern Europe, have since joined in the case as civil

According to prosecutors, M Bourgeois had the women pose for obscene photographs. The resulting "alm" was allegedly shown to wealthy clients, and meetings were then arranged in Paris or on the Côte d'Azur.

According to Judge N'Guyen some of the women were recruited by being persuaded that prostitution was the quickest route to a glamorous job in films or modelling. but others were allegedly blackmailed with the threat that the photographs taken by M Bourgeois would be seot to their families if they did not co-operate.

Senior French politicians. as well as sporting and film celebrities, are reported to be oo the client list for the callgirl riog, which may well have operated with the covert hlessing of the French secret services.

Also ou trial is Nazih Al Ladki, a Lebanese businessman who worked as a secretary to the nephew of Kiog Fahd of Saudi Arabia and is suspected of acting as a go-between in negotiations. Two Swedish citizens, Thomas Axell and Janiena Toresdotter Necander, also appeared io court yesterday accused of act-

ing as intermediaries.
The ring allegedly charged clients up to Fr50,000 (£5,000) a night in a highly lucrative and exploitative trade in human flesh. The alleged involvement of Gulf princes has made the case politically sensitive since the Gulf oil states are major purchasers of French military bardware.

At one point in the investigation, according to Le Monde newspaper, the Jus-tice Ministry demanded to know precisely which "foreign personalities" might be "Only the small fry are be-

ing jodged. This investiga-tion was stifled from the start." Vincent Delmas, a lawyer representing ooe of the victims, alleged. The trial is expected to last ootil Novem-

The court ruled that Mme Brumarck, and another of the accused who is suffering from heart problems, would be tried oext May.

Moscow winter claims its first victims

FROM ANNA BLUNDY

AS RUSSIANS brace themselves for what is expected to be the coldest winter in 30 years. 13 people have already died of hypothermia in Moscow. In some northern areas temperatures have plummered lower than -40C (-40F).

The mortality rate in Russia is between 50 and 100 per cent higher than that in the industrialised West, and life expectancy. at 57.7 years for men and 71.2 for women, is the lowest clinton l

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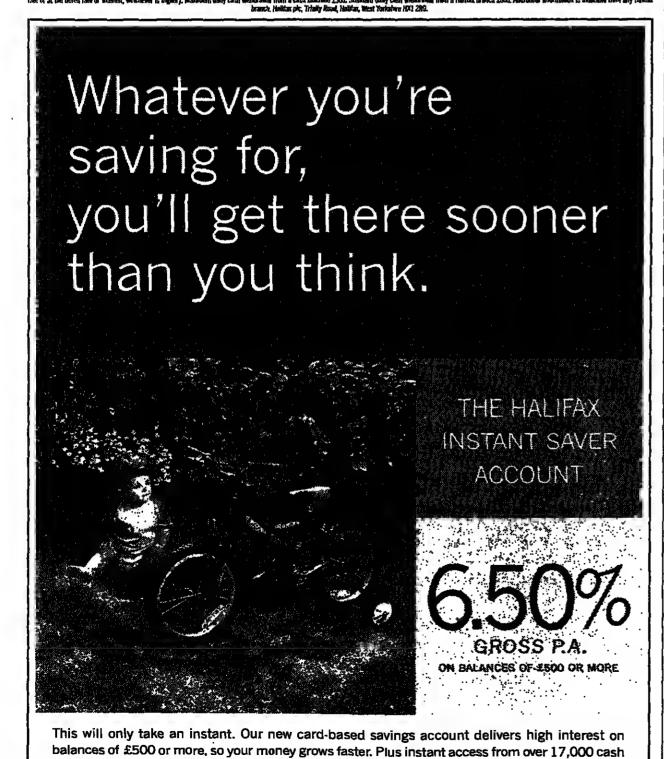
for 40 years.
Alcohol-related deaths are blarned for 10 per cent of the drop, closely followed by infecdous disease and liver disease as the country's healthcare sysiem deteriorates and poverty spreads. A tuberculosis epidentic is claiming more than 100,000 new patients a year and the cold winter can only aggravate a dire situation.

Nikolai Antonov, 49, has lived on Moscow's streets for six months. This will be his first winter without a roof over his head and, he fears, his last, "I didn't have anywhere to go after I got out of prison," he said. "I'm going to go and sleep at a station tonight but they kick you out every five minutes, f just don't want to fall asleep drunk out here."

If he does, he could end up as what the police call a "snowdrop", a body that becomes visible only when the snow melts in the spring.
Vladimir Starodubov, the

Minister for Health, told the Federation Council. Russia's upper house of parliament, that an acute shortage of medicine was the most urgent problem in the country's healthcare. Since the beginning of Russia's economic crisis in August imports of vital medicines have plunged and prices of those medicines still available have risen by 110 per cent.

Caroline Hurford, a spokeswoman for the International Red Cross Federation in Mos-cow, said: "Around the northern rim of Russia they are having to cope with an absence of heating, and all kinds of vital institutions are closing. They spend all their energies huddling round a stove.



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Muslims jailed for Bosnia war crimes

THE War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague yesterday convicted two Bosnian Muslims and a Bosnian Croat for running a sadistic regime of torture and terror at a prison camp in central Bosnia, but unexpectedly acquitted the Muslim military cornmander of the region on the grounds that he had no control over the behaviour of camp guards (Ben Macintyre writes). Hazim Delic and Esad Landzo, the Bosnian Muslims, were sentenced to 20 years and 15 years in prison respectively for their horrific treatment of inmates at Celebici camp in 1992, Zdravko Mucic, the Bosnian Croat camp commander, was jailed for seven years.

The court decided to acquit Zainil Delalic. 50, the Muslim regional commander accused of permitting the mistreatment of Serb prisoners. Prosecutors had asked for a ten-vear sentence against Mr Delalic. and Grant Niemann, the chief prosecutor, appealed against the ruling.

The case was the tribunal's first concerning atrocities against Serbs and the first to command responsibility for Bosnian war crimes. Detainces at the camp, near Konjic, were murdered, tortured and raped, said prosecutors who singled out Delic, the deputy camp commander, as a vicious offender.

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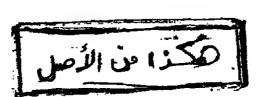
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Allies plot the overthrow of Saddam By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR. AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

BRITAIN yesterday threw its weight behind President Clinton's call for the overthrow of Saddam Hussein, Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday called for his removal and said Britain would work with Iraqi opposition groups to achieve this end.

"I don't think there is anybody in the world who would disagree that it would be very helpful if Saddam Hussein had gone and that we had a different regime in Iraq which

DICTATOR TARGETED

was rational and with whom we could negotiate sensibly on behalf of the world community," he told BEC Radio 5 Live.

In radio and television interviews he repeatedly underlined his belief that Iraqis overwhelmingly wanted to see the back of Saddam. The reason that they can't get rid of him is that if any of them put up their hands to vote against him. they get, quite literally, their arms chopped off."

He said Saddam ruled by brutali-

fore a limit to what could be expected of those people in fraq who wished to be rid of him.

Mr Cook said Britain already had contacts with Iraqi opposition groups and would certainly be willing to support them in a practical way. His remarks, and similar promises by President Clinton to help Saddam's enemies to take power in Baghdad, were welcomed by exiled Iraqi opposition figures yesterday, but there was deep scepticism that such groups could pro-vide a credible challenge.

opment. It represents a change in policy from trying to contain Saddam to removing him," said a spokesman for the London-based Iraqi National Congress, a coalition of 12 groups. There are about 30 opposition groups, their sheer number reflecting the division among them. Many of their leaders, although urbane and gentlemanly, are also discredited in the eyes of ordinary Iraqis by their close relationship with Washing-

And most are a long way from Iraq. Uday, the son of the Iraqi leader, once scoffed that their leaders

where many are based, than in Baghdad. "These people look attractive, but they have no following on the ground," agreed Said Aburish. a Palestinian author who is writing a biography of the Iraqi leader.

He said a far more credible threat to Saddam's rule comes from the Kurds in the north and the restive Shias in the south, who between them comprise nearly 80 per cent of the population, and have men under arms. Nor have the Kurds or Shias forgotten their lesson in the wake of the 1991 Gulf War when, after President Bush urged the Iraqi people to rise up against Saddam, their brave but doomed rebellion was brutally crushed by Saddam's Republican Guards.

Despite the insistence by all Iraqi groups that they have no interest in seeing their country divided into a Kurdish north, Sunni Muslim centre and Shia south, such a scenario still fixates many American policymakers.

When Congress last month passed the \$97 million (£57 million) Iraq Liberation Act to provide guns, money and political support to the Iraqi opposition groups, it was opposed by the American com-mander in the Gulf, General Anthomented, chaotic Iraq, which could happen if this isn't done carefully, is more dangerous in the long run than a contained Saddam is now,

Mr Cook has also cancelled a tour of Britain's key allies in the Middle East, which he was to have begun yesterday. He was hoping to persuade the leaders of Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia to put pres-sure on Saddam to comply with United Nations resolutions, but events made his trip superfluous.

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Clinton halted raids in face of divided team

IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton went against the advice of some in his national security team when calling off air raids on Iraq at the eleventh hour. Others, however, insisted during a hurried conference last Saturday that he must delay aiter sketchy reports, initially from CNN, that Iraq was about to offer a deal that would allow United Nations

weapons inspectors to return. At that time, shortly after 8am in Washington (lpm GMT), there was less than an hour before the first wave of an assault that Pentagon officials estimated could result in

the loss of 10,000 Iraqi lives. Among those reported in favour of continuing the raids were William Cohen, the Defence Secretary, Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State. and General Hugh Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. They argued that, with such international backing, conditions were uniquely favourable to punish Saddam.

But Sandy Berger, the President's National Security Adviser, and possibly others, wanted a suspension. Mr Clinton sided with them and ordered a 24-hour bombing pause.

An Administration official said yesterday: "The President came to a difficult decision and the policy team supported him fully." There would have been uproar if Baghdad officials were saying yes to a deal while cruise missiles were fly-ing past their windows. "It would have been impossible to keep the international co-

alition together," the official said. Another certainty was that the attacks would have destroyed all hope of renewed searches by Unscom, the UN weapons inspectorate.

a few days to play with.

Clinton and his advisers reviewed the contents of a letter from Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, Later, Tony Blair joined Mr Clinton in rejecting its terms, both deeply suspicious of loopholes. At 4pm, reporters waiting to fly to Malaysia for the Asian economic summit were told the crisis meant Mr Clinton's place would be taken by Al Gore, the Vice-President. At 7.20pm, a second letter ar-

rived. Again Mr Clinton de-Iraq's latest promises.

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Mr Clinton ordered the raids secretly at 6.30 on Friday evening (11.30pm GMT). In the first wave, cruise missiles and combat jets were to hir Baghdad targets at sunset on Saturday. There had been little sign of dispersal among Baghdad's forces and Saddam seemed to be assuming he had

At llam on Saturday, Mr

cided the language was insufficiently explicit. At 9.06pm, a third was faxed to the White House. This time, he was satisfied. More hours followed on the phone to Mr Blair, President Chirac of France, and others. At 3am on Sunday, he spoke to Kofi Annan, the UN they agreed on their reading of

At 3.30am, Mr Clinton cancelled the raids; Mr Berger fell asleep on his office sofa.



American soldiers - part of the US ground force deployed near the Iraqi border in Kuwait - direct an MIAIC battle tank while attaching a mine-clearing device yesterday

UN inspectors to resume search for regime's arsenal

Baghdad: United Nations inspectors were due to arrive back in Baghdad today to resume their search for President Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction after the Iraqi leader narrowly escaped a massive aerial

bombardment (Sam Kiley writes). But his brinkmanship pushed the issue of sanctions against Iraq to the top of the agenda and provoked calls from members of the UN Security Council for an end to the embargo.

The 84 inspectors, as well as 184 UN humanitarian workers, were en route for the Iraqi capital last night from Amman, But the US and Britain continued their military build-up in the Gulf to try to ensure that the in-spectors will be able to work without hindrance from the Iraqi authorities.

Their return comes after President

BAGHDAD

Clinton said that he wanted to see a factured crises over the arms inspecchange of government in Iraq, and that \$97 million had been set aside to

Britain "an excuse to attack Iraq and sponsor Iraqi opposition groups and Radio Free Iraq with the clear aim of

inside the country The reaction in Baghdad, among Saddam's supporters and in the local media, was of outrage. Most Iragis have long believed that the real intention of what they described as "manukill Saddam".

Some foreign diplomats in the capdestabilising Saddam's regime from ital said they agreed with that analysis, in particular because after Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, criticised Mr Clinton's remarks, high-ranking members of the US Administration had "searched through all Iraqi statements looking for a rea-

son to launch their missiles", they said. As the threat of a military confrontation receded, Saddam could draw some succour from Russia. which, although reluctantly supporting the US and British threat of airstrikes, was quick to call for an end to sanctions. "My country sees the time has come to lift the sanctions and this should have been done before," Igor Sergeyev, the Defence

Israeli ultimatum puts Wye deal on hold

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

BINYAMIN NETANYAHU yesterday suspended the new peace deal with the Palestini-ans until Yassir Arafat publicly retracts weekend threats to renew the armed struggle and declare an independent Palestinian state next May.

The Israeli Prime Minister delivered his ultimatum during an angry speech to the Knesset, beginning a two-day debate to ratify the US-brokered Wye peace deal and open the way for Israel to start withdrawing from more of the West Bank at the end of this week. His tough stance put the Wye deal on hold for the second time since it was signed in the White House - the first was after a Jerusalem suicide car bombing. It also posed new regional problems for President Clinton, who has taken personal responsibility for



Netanyahu: wants Arafat to retract state claim

seeing the deal put into practice. Mr Clinton is due in Gaza next month at a meeting of the Palestine National Council, which is to renounce anti-Israel clauses in the PLO charter. But delays are making an exact date hard to pin down. Mr Netanyahu was respond-

Arafat, who used the anniversary of his 1988 declaration of a Palestinian state to renew a pledge to declare independence on May 4, 1999, irrespective of any Israeli accord. and to threaten that "our rifles are ready to defend Jerusalem". Mr Netanyahu told parlia-

ment: "I do not intend to carry out a redeployment under these conditions, not even the first, until this is rectified publicly and unequivocally . . . We are not prepared to move forward under the shadow of

In a reference to Mr Arafat's weekend daim to Jerusalem as capital of a future Palestinian state, Mr Netanyahu said: "I have news for Yassir Arafat and the Palestinians: Jerusalem has been, is, and always will be the capital of Israel. and only the capital of Israel." Earlier he told reporters: They [Palestinians] are going

ing to fiery rhetoric from Mr to have to learn to live without their addiction to terrorism, to their violent preaching."

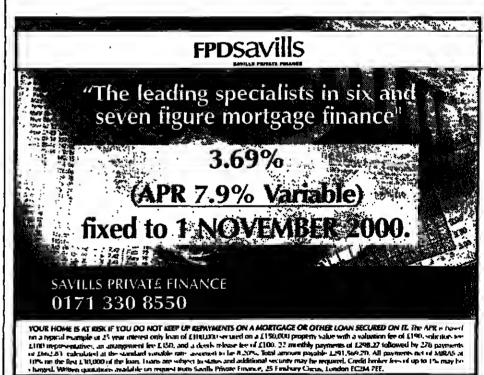
Until the speech, Israel had been expected to withdraw on Friday from the first two of a total 13 per cent of West Bank land due, under the Wye terms, to be given to Mr Arafat over a three-month period in exchange for guarantees on security against terrorism and other steps. Instead, Mr Netanvahu will convene his Cabinet tomorrow to review the suspension in the light of Mr Arafat's reaction.

The Knesset is certain to approve the Wye deal by a large majority despite ultra-nationalist opposition. The left-wing Opposition has offered Mr Netanyahu support. Political observers saw Mr Netanyahu's latest freezing of the Wye deal as showing his determination to secure "reciprocity" from the Palestinians at every stage of implemenation.

In an initial attempt to soften Mr Arafat's words, senior aides said that the Palestinians were committed to the peace agreement and that talk of statehood next May had been intended to prod Israel into not dragging out negotiations on a permanent peace agreement which are due to restart in the next few days.

May 4, 1999 was the deadline set under the Oslo peace accord for a final settlement. Few observers see this date as feasible, but the Palestians have threatened to declare their independence then. Israel has vowed to annexe all West Bank land under its control if such a move is made. Ariel Sharon, Israel's For-eign Minister, called on Jew-

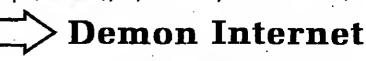
ish settlers to grab West Bank land before the new pullback begins. "Whatever is not seized will end up in their hands," he said in remarks broadcast by Israel radio.



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The cancer carers skilled at pain control

THE Macmillan Cancer Re-lief charity fundraisers have gone into overdrive before Christmas. Today 300 supporters and workers for the charity from the South East are gathering at the Royal College of Physicians.

Next Monday, the House of Lords and Commons Parliamentary Palace of Varieties. at St John's, Smith Square, compered by Tony Banks, will star Margaret Beckett as a songster, accompanied by John Battle on the mandolin. Lord Janner of Braunstone will show his conjuring skills, and the cast will also include the Tory party chairman. Michael Ancram; Tom King: Lord Baker of Dorking reciting poetic parodies; John Mac-Gregor, who will read minds: John Reid singing Scottish folk songs and Toby Jessel, the former MP for Twicken-



ham, at the piano. Other MPs will display unexpected talents - Sir Patrick Cormack. for instance, will recite a mon-ologue and Alan Beith will

blow his own trumpet. On Friday next week, the soprano Susan Daniel will sing at Goodwood, where, at the invitation of Lady March. supporters will be dining in three state rooms and will see the house after four years of restoration. The occasion is sold

Douglas Macmillan died in 1969 at the age of \$4. The charity he fouoded has a star-studded list of officers, including the Prince of Wales as patron and the Duchess of Kent as president. The annual expend-lture on grants to patients has grown from just £11 in 1924 to £4.75 million. The charity employs 1,600 carefully selected and experienced nurses, many with postgraduate qualifications in palliative care and cancer nursing. Many also have educational experience. thereby fulfilling the hopes of Macmillan, who said in 1911:

"I want even the poorest people to be provided with the latest and best advice, both for avoiding cancer and for recognising and dealing with it when it exists." He also wanted to see "homes" for cancer patients, where they would receive attention free or at low cost, and volunteer nurses who could tend to patients in their own homes.

Macmillan, a countryman from Somerset and a graduate of London University, became a civil servant at the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries. His surprisingly radical and unbureaucratic views on cancer care were at least 50 years ahead of his time, and were inspired by watching, helplessly, as his father suf-fered from cancer of the oesophagus.

If Douglas Macmillan had been able to call upon Macmillan nurses, his father would have understood the troubles he was facing and his family woold have been better able to comprehend any emotional turmoil. Macmillan Sr would have received adequate pain control, which remains a particular skill of Macmillan nurses. However, Douglas Macmilian — a seventh child — would not have had the magic even now to preserve the life of patients with carci-noma of the oesophagus, although the prognosis is improving.

In nearly all cases of adenocarcinoma of the oesophagus. mainly a disease of the over-60s, the tumour starts with pre-malignant changes - Barrett's metaplasia. Early detection may offer greater hope of recovery. The patient first notices difficulty in swallowing this becomes progressive and persistent. Any difficulty in swallowing should be investigated immediately. The patient can usually point to the exact spot where the food sticks. Weight loss is com-

 Moçmillan Cancer Relief information line for sufferers ond their fomilies: 0845 601 6161. Tickets for the Porliamentory Palace of Varieties, November 23 (chairmon, Mrs Eira Jessel) from Charlotte Holmes: 0171-795 0055.



Every picture tells a story. Doris London, a resident at the Emily Jackson Home in Sevenoaks. Kent, gives Sophie Smith, aged four, the benefit of her experience at a painting session

Giving new life to the old

eter gazes at the woman across the room as she bends over the water painting in front of her. Then slowly, almost shyly, he walks towards her and kisses her: both bask in the glow of mutual affection. Peter is three years

old and Doris — the object of his affections — is nearly 93.

On the far side of Europe, meanwhile, a vision from Hell. A wretched scrap of humon and, oot surprisingly, there is early loss of appetite. manity lies on a grimy mat-tress, the face contorted. It is impossible to tell whether the creature is male or female as the eyes roll around a flyblown room that is shared with eight other similarly blighted human beings. The two scenes, one in Britain, the

Placing a children's nursery in an old people's home is raising spirits and may be prolonging life. Eve-Ann Prentice reports

other in the Romanian mountains, seem irreconcilable. But they are linked by Ros Ward, a middle-aged Englishwoman who is matron of an old people's home.

In Kent, Peter and Doris benefit from a scheme started by Ms Ward to open a children's nursery in the old people's home. It brings those taking their first steps in life together with those whose first memories are of horse-drawn carriages. Now Ms Ward plans to open a similar venture at a village in Romania's Carpathian Mountains.

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Emily Jackson House in Sevenoaks was a conventional old people's home until a year ago when Ms Ward overcame "mountain of objections" and opened the day nursery.

Now the ages of innocence and experience spend time together, reaping the same rewards that used to come from extended families. The scheme has been such a success that Westminster Health Care, which runs Emily Jackson House, plans to open more children's nurseries in some of the other 91 homes it operates. It is also backing Ms Ward in her scheme to help some of the abandoned and disabled children, and the elderly, suffering in Romania.

At Emily Jackson House, a group of people in their eighties and nineties gathers with a dozen or so three and fouryear-olds to mix paint and use cut potatoes as stencils. These



The old suffer in Romania

people are so happy," says Ms Ward. "They know they are wanted and loved, and the children don't care if someone is

in a wheelchair." Several of the elderly resi-dents have had their lives transformed by the children, says Ms Ward, and she is sure the death rate has been reduced since the day nursery opened last October. "We have had only 12 deaths in the past year, which is extremely low," she says. "The elderly have a right to live full lives."

spend time in the nursery."

aged from 55 to 99, and 60 children aged between two and five at Emily Jackson House. The elderly are NHS and private residents, the latter paying around £500 a week. Parents of the infants pay £26 a day Staff at the home can enrol their children at half price.

couraged to mix - if they want. But the two groups eat separately and any resident who finds small children less than appealing can keep them at bay - though most relish

"We have separate entrances - we don't want children rushing past people on Zim-mer frames," says Ms Ward. The children are pretty regimented as they go about the building. The residents can stay in their rooms or decide

what they want. "It took a year to overcome all the regulations and objections from the local authority and social services, including etting planning permission.
"My biggest fear was that

the children and the elderly would catch things from one another. They are both frail in different ways," she adds. "But then there are aspects of both groups that are similar, for instance incontinence, pads and nappies are disposed of in the same way and the elderly need small, attractive meals, as do the children."

Rose Bresnahan, 71, came to the home two years ago and was depressed after a stroke. "There is a terrible fear that comes with handing over your life," says the former teacher "I had always had my independence and was frightened when I arrived. Then the children came and that made it casier. I have nine grand children, so I like having children around."

Phyllis Claydon used to act with Errol Flynn. Now in her ninetics, she has found a new role in life: teaching a threevear-old to crochet. In the home for disabled in

Timis, Romania, such light has yet to enter the lives of the residents. The man in charge is Dr Gheorghe Grusea. He, another doctor and five nurses have four bathrooms for 101 inmates. Since most are stranded, limbless, on pallets, many sit and sleep in their own urine and faeces. "Physically, we should only be able to house 80 people," says Dr Grusea. "We cannot put up all those who need a place." Asked if he

petru, a few miles from Brasov. They plan to take 20 chil-dren and 16 elderly, and need has enough medicines to help to raise £150,000 through a charity, Care and Comfort Rohis charges, he pauses, then mania. But, says Ms Ward, they need £500,000 to run the says: "We hardly ever get anyone cured, and people rarely go home once they are here." centre for a year. Now Ms Ward and her col-

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Ms Ward, whose mother is one of the residents, points out several others who, she believes, had made up their minds to fade away after moving in. "One lady who'd had a stroke came for a trial weekend and she was so depressed. Now she climbs the stairs, which is a real struggle, to

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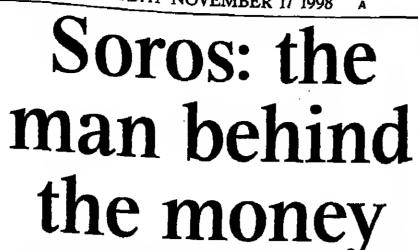


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Billionaire financier George Soros says he is not a material man. Jon Ashworth reports

eorge Soros is one of the great enigmas of our time. He is the consummate buccaneer, raking in billions of dollars through predatory assaults on the financial markets, yet he behaves like a pinstriped Robin Hood, ploughing his wealth into so-cially inspired causes. He

claims to be able to divine pat-terns in the markets, but often gets it embarrassingly wrong. Consumed, or so he says, by self-doubt, he nevertheless feels confident enough to preach to world leaders about how to run their affairs. Soros, 68, is in London next

month for The Times/Dillons Forum: a chance for critics



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George Soros, the legendary financier and philanthropist, will debate the causes of and offer bold solutions to the current global meltdown at this LSE debate on Monday, 7 December which marks the publication of his new book "The Crisis of Global Capitalism: Open Society Endangered.

Chaired by Professor Anthony Glddens, director of LSE, Soros will be challenged by Mervyn King, Deputy Governor, Bank of England and Anatole Kaletsky, Associate Editor of The Times. There will be an opportunity for questions from the audience.

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and fans alike to pin him down on the issues of the day. His new book. The Crisis of Global Capitalism, a timely critique of the Asian crisis and its implications, will be serialised in The Times later this

Soros leapt into the British psyche in September 1992 when the Bank of England fought vainly to defend the pound against an assault by currency speculators. It spent £12 billion shoring up sterling arainst the mark before conceding defeat, leaving Britain to tumble out of the European exchange-rate mechanism. So-ros made almost \$1 billion (£600 million) from Black Wednesday and became known as the Man Who Broke the Bank of England. A mere whisper that Soros is buying this or selling that can trigger a stampede. His utterances can send currencies sliding or soaring.

Soros's luck has changed of late, but his pronouncements still make headlines. In August a well-timed letter to the Financial Times sent Russian financial markels reeling and had a knock-on effect in Germany. Market analysts think that the Soros funds cannily sold huge quantities of dollars against the mark, profiting handsomely as the currency fell.

Born in Budapest in 1930 into a middle-class Jewish family, he experienced both Naziism and Communism before emigrating to Britain in 1947. At the

London School of A whisper Economics he fell under the influence about of Karl Popper, the philosopher and author of The Open what he is Society and its Enenies. Popper's writconceptual framecan start a work in which to seek out and predict imbalances in stampede world markets. Placing huge bets on what he thought

might happen, and cashing in handsomely when it went his way, made Soros his fortune. Popper's vision of an open society - one that tolerates different views and interests - later shaped Soros's philanthropic activities.

After graduating from the LSE, Soros endured a miserable stint selling souvenirs in seaside resorts in Wales before joining Singer & Friedlander,

the City merchant bank. He had earlier worked as a British Rail porter. Lacking the requisite old school tie, Soros found his ambitions He decamped again in 1956.

to New York, and worked on Wall Street for 13 years before branching out on his own. In 1969 he set up Quantum Fund, registered in Curacao but run from began investing on behalf of wealthy private individuals, scouring the world for mispriced assets.

Soros's line in

global arbitrage was a spectacular success. A \$1,000 investment in Quanturn in 1969 would be worth more than \$3 million today. despite well-publicised setbacks. Quantum and its sister funds are worth, perhaps, \$18 billion.

By the late 1970s, Soros was rich enough to start thinking about channelling his wealth into philanthropic ventures. He established his first foundation, the Open Society Fund, in 1979, and today oversees non-profit foundations and organisations in 31 countries. His agenda spans education, publishing and human rights, as well as social, legal and economic reform.

In Russia Soros distributed \$20 million among 40,000 top scientists and spent millions more on electronic communications and scientific literature. A Russian foundation, set up in 1987, invested heavily in educational reform, printing textbooks free of Marxist



ideology. In the United States Soros is channelling money into such social ills as drug addiction, which he thinks should be treated as a public health problem, not a crime. He has called for marijuana to be legalised for medical purposes and has set up a \$50 million fund to help immigrants deprived of welfare benefits. Soros's homespun brand of



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made a lot of money oo the stock market. Soros got it right with the

pound in 1992, but his approach is hit and miss. Quantum reputedly lost \$600 million in two days when an \$8 billion punt on the yen went awry. Soros lost about \$650 million in the October 1987 stock market crash making him the biggest single loser - when he shifted out of

knew something was coming, but couldn't quite tell where. Soros enjoys reading and plays tennis and chess. Married to his second wife, Suzan, he has five children, and

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don. A very private and intellec-tual man, he endured unwelcome publicity in Britain in 1991, when a former butler took him to an industrial tribunal, claiming unfair dismissal. It was alleged that the household cook was given to chucking £500 bottles of Château-Lafite into the evening gou-

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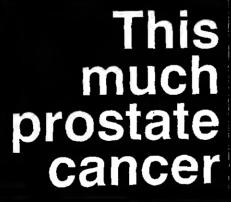
just as the latter caved in. He rarely drinks wine and does not indulge in fine cooking, except for the benefit of his guests. Soros himself has said: "I don't have great material needs. I like my comfort but, really, 1 homes in Manhattan and Lon- am a very abstract.person."

Patrick Davison, the ag-grieved butler, portrayed So-ros as a rather absent-minded soul who used to set off on journeys, then ring his office to find out where he was meant to be going. He once had to be stopped from wandering off to a meeting in his slippers. Parcels used to turn up from hotels all over Europe containing items Soros had left behind.

In September 1997, with the Asian crisis erupting, Soros became embroiled in a public slanging match with Ma-hathir Mohamad, Malaysia's Prime Minister. Beset by eco-nomic problems, and with Malaysia literally under a pall from the region's forest fires, Dr Mahathir launched an at- one to miss out on the fun.

tack on "immoral" financial speculators, and described Soros as a "moron". Soros hit back, describing Dr Mahathir as "a menace to his country". Meltdown in Asia, and its

toll on world markets, has given Soros deep cause for concern -hence his critique of the current financial turmoil. He talks of a "wrecking ball" effect and believes that the world's entire economic system is under threat. His solution is to call for restraints on the free movement of capital - ironically, for one who made his for-tune exploiting this very system. Who knows, it may happen, but for now, there is money to be made, and Soros is not



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philanthropy is not always welcomed by domestic authorities, however, many of whom consider him a meddler. On another level he complains that he is not taken seriously, that his theories are seen as merely the self-indulgent musings of a man who has



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Michael Gove argues the case for the assassination of Saddam

ichard Branson was warning us at the weekend that mobile phones can damage your health. He doesn't know the half of it. During the Russian invasion of Chechnya the Chechen warlord Dzokhar Dudayev learnt just how dangerous a mobile can be. The Russians, after identifying the unique signal from his personal handset, prepared a surprise for him. When a colleague rang one afternoon the call was picked up by a Russian Army helicopter, which unleashed an air-to-surface missile targeted on the phone. And that was the end of the Wolf of the

Although Dudayev's assassination may seem to be something out of James Bond, a curious example of death imitating art, it is of much more than anecdotal interest. It bears directly on the resolution of the crisis in the Middle East, Iraq's agony will end only with Saddam Hussein's death. And only the West can

bring that about.

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the B52s painted the Baghdad sky dark. Our Government has promised instant retaliation if Saddam reneges on his obligations again, but it will be difficult for the West to maintain the constant combat readiness required for months to come.

West to maintain the constant combat readiness required for months to come.

Western leaders recognise that the problem will not be removed until Saddam is. President Clinton and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, have made it known that they want him out of the way. Mr Cook's deputy, Derek Fatchett, employing the mandarin under-

statement of his office, declared yesterday that "it would be a much better Iraq without Saddam Hussein". But the West's professed means of removing Saddam sound just as tragicomically unlikely as Dudayev's end, without any of its brutal efficiency. The Butcher of Baghdad is to be toppled, according to Mr Fatchett, by "working with the Iraqi opposition". But what

to be toppled, according to Mr Fatchett, by "working with the Iraqi opposition". But what assistance is new Labour offering the opposition in Iraq? A sharper way with their focus groups? The only meaningful assistance we can offer is the use of military force. Everything else is pious vapour.

It may seem bitter to reproach a minister who means well, but his words invite cynicism from anyone who has observed the West's "support" for the Iraqi opposition so far. After the last Gulf War the alliance forces flinched from finishing off Saddam, and hoped the Iraqi opposition would do the dirty work. Saddam knew that the West would not provide them with appropriate assistance because it had had its bellyful of fighting. All the Allies would do was fly policing missions. As well as fly the white flag.

As well as fly the white flag.

The Iraqi opposition, having found the West wanting in 1991, has found it negligent ever since. During 1995 and

1996. Saddam eliminated his opponents in exile in Jordan and unleashed a murderous campaign against the Iraqi Kurds, who were supposed to be sheltering under the protection of our "safe havens". They have been as much protection as an umbrella against a firing squad. The infiltration of Iraqi opposition networks, and the assassination of their leaders, has proceeded, while Saddam has toyed with the UN. The only safe havens in Iraq have been Saddam's presidencial palaces.

And that is where we should

And that is where we should strike. The only satisfactory means of ensuring that Iraq's weapons of mass destruction are not used is to kill Saddam and his Takriti clansmen.

Assassination of the Iraqi leader had been proposed by several influential Americans, including the President's former aide George Stephanopoulos. There are certainly legal obstacles. The tactic is specifically outlawed under Executive Order 12333, passed by President Reagan in 1981. But I am grateful to Kevin O'Brien, a Canadian academic at Hull University, for pointing out that the order

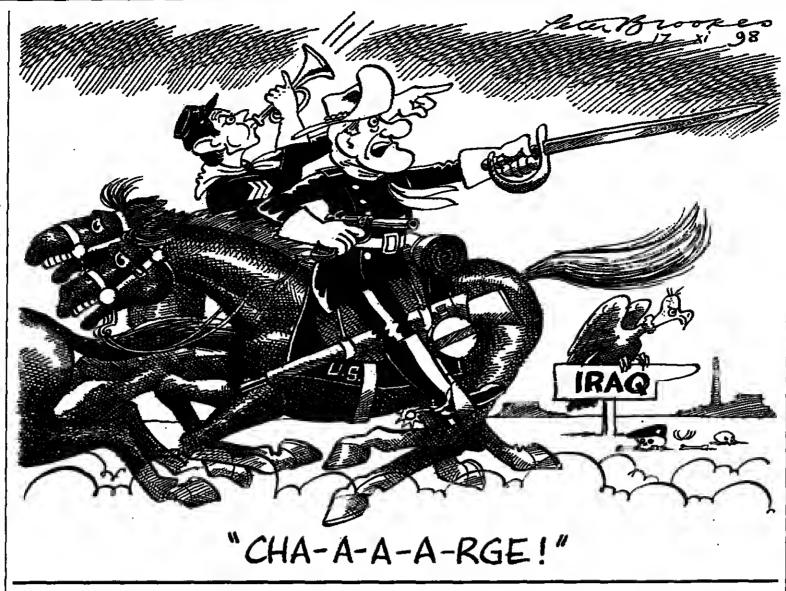
does not preclude assassination by allies. Mr O'Brien has also argued that powerful voices in America believe that political killing may be justified under the order, provided that the original impetus behind it is respected, and the excesses of operations conducted

during the Vietnam War are avoided.

There would be an appropriateness in terminating Saddam's career by assassination;
he has built his career by the
bullet, and has been known to
sente Cabinet disputes with a
revolver shot. But his very
familiarity with assassination
makes him a difficult target.
He is surrounded at all times
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only avoids skeeping in the
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but even breaks his rest in the
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his enemies.

The difficulties cannot be underestimated, but neither can the threat to peace while Saddam lives. Although the failure of the 1979 American attempt to rescue the hostages held in the US Embassy in Tehran stands as a warning, it is for situations such as this that special forces exist. The personnel deployed need not be those currently serving under the colours. Mercenary units are increasingly engaged by the West to perform actions which governments will not delegate to their own troops. Organisations such as Sandline, which recruit from those who have learnt their trade on the Hereford hills and the coves of the Falklands, exist to execute outcomes at a deniable

distance, for a price,
Rather than hoping until doomsday that the divided and resource-starved Iraqi opposition will finish off Saddam, why does the West not use its technology, and the men it has trained, to work with them to deliver the coup de grace? It would only take a phone call.



Mario is innocent!

hey are walking off the shelves as usual: PCs and fMACs, Playstations and laptops and games with names like Carpocalypse Now and Tomb Raiders, artfully designed to ture teenagers and alarm parents. Few households will get through the festive season without microchips. whether housed in some interactive furry mutant for the baby or an over-designed net-surfer for Dad.

As usual, we will buy these things: and as usual, we will nourish a guilty sense that we would be better people if we stuck to doing heartwarming stuff with clove oranges and charades. In the more conscientious and literary family, Father will at some stage announce that he is going to read A Christmas Carol aloud, and that any family member whose possessions are suffered to emit any bleeping, cheeping or "akka-akka-akka" noises during the death of Tiny Tim will be in trouble. In other families a wearisome UN-style round of negotiations will begin over whether or not it is appropriate to take a Game Boy out carol-singing.

The peak season for getting neurotctronic leisure has deg The Chief Rabbi, Dr Jonathan Sacks. kicked off nicely by saying that the Internet, computer games, and even personal stereos are eroding family life, because they are isolated pursuits which "starve our children of the oxygen of togetherness". He was addressing a Jewisb parenting seminar, and his particular concern was the lapse of traditional family festivals: but his comments will cause a wider cringe. Of all the images which terrify the guilty modern parent, one of the most powerful is of the scattered family, glued to separate screens, enslaved and estranged by alien pixels. It cannot be long before the Blair-Straw parenting initiative zooms in on this one and the heavy

hectoring begins.

Before it does, a few observations. The first is that throughout human history, the props and backdrops change faster than the human heart. Ageing generations must be careful: it is easy to be put off by the latest set of gizmos and fail to notice that the people handling them are actually very little different from you, bowling your hoop down the dusty lanes of yesteryear. The second observation is that electronic games have no paranormal power. They succeed only

If traditional family life is collapsing,

it's no good blaming the computer

by stimulating the same brain cells that have challenged the ingenuity of toymakers and entertainers for a

They are just things, and things are morally neutral. If you have a brick, you can smash someone's head with it or use it to build a cathedral. Technology does not change essential values (although it sometimes makes the questions complicated). Computers, video, the Internet and the rest need not erode family life unless families allow it. Or, indeed, welcome it some families are glad to have them there to ease and sweeten an existing process of collapse.

Nonetheless, there

Nonetheless, there is a visible problem, which is why we are so vulnerable to these periodic panics. More than 85 per cent of children over five play computer games regularly. Private bedroom televisions have become

commonplace for children over 11 in all but the poorest homes. Children come younger and younger to the Internet; adults too show compulsive, if not quite addictive, behaviour. In an untidy and hostile world there is something profoundly soothing about an interactive screen. It is a domain you can predictably control, a relationship without responsibility, a colloquium in which nobody judges you. If you are on the run from real life, there are certainly some very beguiling alterna-

tives on the market.

But that is the point: those who depend too much on computers almost always are on the run: from divorce, rejection, friendlessness, anger. Screens do not ambush happy people and wreck their lives. They are just there, available for the easing of pain and loneliness, as in earlier decades were trashy novels or booze or trainspotting or tarts or barruy religions. When a hostage becomes unnaturally obsessed with taming the beetles in his cell, we do not inveigh against the beetles. Rather,

we deplore the cell.

That is how we should think about

electronic leisure. We cannot un-invent it, or ban it, or do more than police its worst excesses (how nice to know that Carmageddon III has been forced to give its exploding victims green blood in the 15 version. Very Christmassy). But we can address the real problems which cause too many children to spend too many hours alone with screens.

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many hours alone with screens.

Some would say that the first of these problems is that parents have forgotten how to wield authority. "Kids today, what can you do?" is a surprisingly frequent cry, even among apparently competent adults. Psychologists who treat "computer-additated children of

addicted children often report, in slightly dazed tones, that affluent parents come to them with tales of a young child spending 50 hours a week at the screen and show surprise when it is suggested they should say no. I suspect, however,

that these dingbats are the exception rather than the rule. I also suspect that a great many happy Jewish families think the Chief Rabbi is over-egging it, because in their house, when it is time for a family meal or prayer, the parents just say so, and that is that. I further guess that plenty of Jewish families do as we did, eschew isolated pursuits and end up all gathered round the screen shrieking encouragement and abuse at the player as his go-kart ricochets from one wall to the other. If you are really determined to bond, you can do quite a lot of it round the Nintendo.

Far more serious is the fact that thousands of children are offered virtually no alternative to their screens. The rise of this technology has merely masked and softened a far greater evil, the culpable erosion of community resources and safe public space. No garden to play in? Stay indoors with Super Mario. The street isn't safe because of crime and traffic, the park is full of used needles and has no attendant? Oh well, stay in your bedroom with your compu-

ter. School playing field sold off. leisure centre prices trebled? Try this virtual football game. I have watched generations of children with computers for 13 years now, and I never saw one yet who did not, after a reasonable session, glance up at the window and decide to go out in the garden and play with the dog. It is profoundly upsetting to think of

children who do not have that option.
As for family life being threatened, there is not much point shaking your fist inanely at the electronics industry

about that, either.

Any family which takes self-catering holidays without TV or computers in British weather knows perfectly well that children will happily play board-games with their parents for hours, or be read to, or have long, daft conversations. The problem is that on ordinary days both parents are exhausted by their jobs and frankly cannot face any of this stuff.

are exhausted by their jobs and frankly cannot face any of this stuff. Parents not talking to children enough, families not bonding, is not to be simplistically blamed on computer leisure. It is our own fault for being so stressed and malerialistic and hellbent on having it all. It is also our own fault, not the censor's, i young children play disturbingly violent computer games; it is a parent's job to know which cassette is in the slot. There is a peculiar, startling form of neglect observable in many affluent families which does not bother to check even that; but if you haven't time to watch the screen for a while and discuss why some things are sick, then why on earth have children in the first place?

nd when the inevitable moment comes when the offspring stump off alone to their rooms and positively demand the isolation the Chief Rabbi so deplores, there is nothing new or high-tech about that, either. I used to shut myself up for days with Bob Dylan and detailed, 50-point plans for running away. One of my brothers vanished into his bedroom for two whose years, and emerged having taught himself the melodeon. Adolescence is a mysterious thing. We all get through it in the end. With luck, the happy home is still there when we do.

But either way, a family life which can be blown apart by 32-bit technology must have been pretty rickety to start with.

Never again, Josephine

Peter Stothard

one of his

I was hard to see Josephine last week without wondering how much longer she could go on. She had successfully survived an operation on her cataracts: a man had come and taken her to an ophthalmic surgeon in Newmarket and her left eye was suddenly a whole lot brighter; but she was still the oldest lady in her home by far and nothing like as brisk as in her circus-performing days.

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Her biggest problem was in feeding herself. The servants would help to get ready her grapes in the way that she liked them best. But over the centuries her family had evolved a complex tradition of tossing up meat and vegetables into the air before eating them. About a week ago she began to find this trick harder and harder to perform. She would hurl bits of banana to the ceiling while her mouth would catch almost nothing coming down. Her daily allotment of calories was scanered all over her bedding. A sight that was most distressing to the many visitors who paid her court. It might have been possible to force-feed Josephine. But in the end it all seemed too undignified. An excess dose of anaesthetic seemed the better way forward.

She had lived almost all of her fife in Regent's Park, latterly in the corner house of a special row built for her and her relatives. She first came to London in 1952 after a short, controversial sojourn in Wilkies Circus of New Brighton. Cheshire. Her difficulty, then as now, was a reluctance to behave other than as her inheritance had taught her. To toss up food before eating was a circus trick of a sort but it was alsola family trait. like the flashing of her long eyelashes: she was reluctant to learn any new tricks and that is why, according to the gossip of her London admirers, she had to start a new life down south.

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he ought to have had a large family but somehow, for reasons that were never quite clear and may or may not be connected to the Wilkies of New Brighton, she produced only one offspring and that was stillborn. Her first partner was a fellow circus artist from whom she was separated soon after they both arrived in London; he died in 1960. Her second male friend, who went by the name of Hotatio, was introduced to her in 1953 this relationship was not greatly more successful and many friends were sceptical of the story that he had died of a tumour in his bile duct.

By 1989 she was suffering from the kind of hormonal changes that can so often afflict a female once her best baby-rearing days have past. After the stillbirth her doctors recommended radical surgery. Josephine was therefore never to know at first hand the more bizarre birth rituals of her family. If she had lived in India or Africa, where her grandparents were born and where many of her extended family live still, she would have spent her confinement behind a wattled wall with only a tiny chirk left for feeding. While Josephine would have become fat of belly and cheerfully feeble in limb, her man of the moment would have been wearing himself senseless with trips to find her tasty morsels. As Dr Livingstone first observed, the males of her Bucerotid clan make extraordi nary efforts to package their pregnant partners' food in the most appetising way. Frequently they die before the task is done.

or Josephine, however, the ways of child-rearing were of no more account than were the famous descriptions of her ancient forehears by Pliny the Elder and Aldrovandus the Bolognese. This was perhaps a benefit to her self-esteem since Pliny, writing in Book X of his Natural History, thought the stories of those ancestors to be so extraordinary as to be merely mythical tales, like those of winged horses and griffins. He could not conceive of any fellow creature that had such a giant, boney excrescence on its head.

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Aldrovandus, a more open-minded man working with the benefit of an extra 1,500 years of science, was no less harsh in his aestheoc judgment: Josephine's family had best be compared to that of the rhinoceros.

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Today there are two new Great Indian Hornbills in Regent's Park. They are young: their keepers say that they are bonding well: and perhaps they will be more successful than Josephine in the breeding business which, for all endangered species, is now the prime business of all the best zoos around the world.

Meanwhile Josephine is on her way to the National Museums of Scotland, where her athrosclerosis and cataract-free eyes can be checked out in the interests of ornithology. And those of us who for so long have slipped regularly into the tropical bird house to see London Zoo's oldest inhabitant, probably the oldest member of her species to have ever lived anywhere, will be disappointed. That

may be too weak a word.

The corner-cage is now home to two Tawny Frogmouths, swift-like birds with wide, gaping bills: fine birds in their way, but I doubt that I shall be seeing them so much.

Hoofing it

ROBERT SANGSTER is galloping off into tax exile. The king of the horse-breeders has sold his house in London and intends to give up his British nationality and move to Barbados. Thus, he will jump over both the English winter and Gordon Brown's chilly financial regime. Sangster, now 62 and with wife number three (with whom he is pictured and the second one to be called Susan), hails from the Vernons Pools dynasty, and built up his horsey empire by buying a nag called Chalk Stream for his first wife. Christine. He boasts that

first wife. Christine. He boasts that some of his stallions are able to service more than 300 mares a year, and, in similar vein, plays host to the likes of Joan Collins and Rod Stewart in his box at Ascot.

Sangster, who used to dash out of the stalls with Jerry Hall, is tiring of dank London: "I spent last winter in the Caribbean and I am out of the country a lot." he tells me. "I have paid English taxes for the last four years. But I am now a Barbados resident, and I am taking steps towards becoming a Barbadian." Don't annoy him by repeating the flippant rhyme, "Sangster's Gangsters". He was a bight-heavyweight champion in the British Army, skills that may come in handy in Barbados.

 No 10 is so concerned by cruel claims that it is run by control freaks that it sent out a bleeper message to special odvisers yester-



day: ordering them to say that N 10 is not full of control freaks.

Sits. Vac.

CHARLIE WHELAN has his eye on the top job. Gordon Brown's bluff media enforcer confides his dark ambitions over post-prandial coffees in the fabulously retro press dining room at the Commons. He is asked, teasingly, what he wants to do next. His reply? "Alastair Campbell's job. That would be the



best." Campbell will be delighted: he is a keen observer of Whelan's independent Treasury powerbase.

● JEAN PAUL GAULTIER dented the Duchess of York's pride at the MTV Music Awards in Milan. Accosting a redhead, the designer cried: "Geri - how ore you?" When the Duchess turned, revealing she was not Ginger Spice. Gaultier was rather apologetic.

Heaven's gate
J.R. EWING would find the Bish-

J.R. EWING would find the Bishop of Guildford's tastes fine. The
Right Rev John Gladwin wants
Southfork-esque electronic gates at
the drive of Willow Grange, his
residence. They will set the Church
Commissioners back £10,000, the
same as a priest for almost a year.
One justification is that one of

Gladwin's bishop chums purchased the same model. His aides recognise the bishop's duty to give shelter: "We get an extraordinary number pulling in, some of whom ask for directions." Blighters.

• REFUSING to bow to media pressure, Timmy the Tortoise, the Earl of Devon's 157-year-old beast, is refusing to go to bed. The BBC wants to film him turning in this winter at Powderham Castle. Oblivious to the PR potential, he is still pottering around the grounds.

Running out
MIKE BREARLEY is batling with
Chris Cowdrey to become the new



face of cricket on BBC. Auntie Beeb is in crisis after losing Richie Benaud to upstart Channel 4, which has also won the right to cover Tests. The Beeb has also lost Tony Lewis to MCC, and Geoff Boycott ran himself out after his innings in the French courts. In response, the BBC has drawn up a shortlist with Brearley and Cowdrey the only names. Brearley (a psychoanalyst) would be the armchair tactican's choice; Cowdrey (pictured, son of Sir Colin) is the housewife totty candidate.

DELAYED reaction from big Tommy Graham, the suspended Labour MP, to my disclosure that he has been struck off the menu of the Commons Catering Committee. "They can get stuffed," he tells me. "They can get on with their catering. I'll get on with the eating." Sensible chap.

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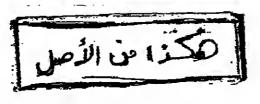
FROM such beauty pours ugliness. Elle Macpherson, the Australian "super" model now speaks onlyFrench — with that distinctive Aussie twang, which might be termed Frangralian. Her linguistic problems are particularly acute when she is with her nine-monthold son Flynn (he was sired by her French partner Arki Busson), ac-

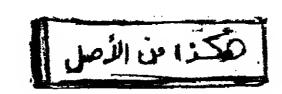


cording to an Aussie airline. "It created enormous confusion." says a stewardess. fed her tangled syntax. "Our crew are mulolingual but French isn't common and she wouldn't speak anything else."

● THE populority of Camilla: Alexandra Bastedo has given her cat the same nome as the Prince of Woles's friend after the actress and Patrick Garland, her director husband, joined the royal couple on a Greek cruise this summer.

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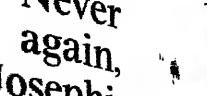
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THETTIMES

FARM PRICES

CAP reform is needed as well as emergency funding

"Up corn, down horn" is an old farming proverb. When corn is expensive, beef is cheap. That simple dictum does not apply to the current farm crisis. Not a single sector of the industry is untouched. Yesterday Nick Brown, the Agriculture Minister, told the Commons that the Government would spend £120 million to alleviate the farmers' plight. Yet, as both he and the farmers readily acknowledge. spending more money cannot buck global markets, nor can it substitute for the reform of the common agricultural policy which Europe desperately needs.

Critics often accuse farmers of special pleading. The whole of the economy is exposed to the whirlwinds of the worldwide marketplace. Agriculture employs only 2 per cent of Britain's workforce, less than any other developed country except one. Singapore. Yet farmers receive £3 billion a year of support from the European Union, and a further £800 million from Whitehall.

Why do they deserve more money now? In their defence, farmers argue that the current crisis is exceptional, buffeting them from all sides. The main culprits have been sterling's strength, the ban on the export of British beef, a glut of cereals, lamb, pork and beef and the economic collapse in Asia and Russia, the value of some foodstuffs has fallen so low that it barely covers the cost of their production. Ewes that cost £16 each to raise are selling for the price of a packet of crisps. Across the industry as a whole, farm incomes plummeted by almost a half last year, and are forecast to fall by another two thirds this year.

Against this background, the public expects farmers to be guardians of the countryside. Stewardship of Britain's hedges and moors, fields and fens comes at a price. Market collapse, followed by an exodus of farmers, could threaten the land's husbandry. The Government and public must acknowledge that preventing this costs money.

Yet the biggest villain in the piece has been the common agricultural policy itself. The measures Mr Brown announced yesterday, such as increasing help for hill farmers by £60 million, reflects the CAP's weaknesses. Rather than helping small farmers on family farms by supplementing their incomes, production-based subsidies have gone to those who least need them. Twenty per cent of farmers on the most efficient farms, often with the best land, receive 80 per cent of the subsidies.

The European Commission's proposals for the CAP's reform aim to expose farmers to more of the rigours of the marketplace. Although this is a move in the right direction, the new system will still be biased in favour of big industrialised producers who can best afford to do without help, and will cost about £2.5 billion a year more than the CAP does now. EU officials claim that this would still be cheaper than keeping the same system once poorer countries join - an assumption described as "unwise" by the European Court of Auditors at the weekend. As the cost of the CAP rises, the pressure mounts on Mr Brown and his European colleagues

to devise a more effective rural strategy. Farmers cannot afford to wait for the EU to come to its senses. Their complaint that supermarkets are overpricing their produce is currently under investigation by the Office of Fair Trading. Farmers should be encouraged too to think of more innovative ways to add value to their produce and to cut costs so that, when both corn and horn are down, they can weather storms better. But in this battle against the elements, regulations and tight profit margins, the added ordeals inflicted on them by the cost-rigging, fraud-blighted CAP should unite the whole nation in anger.

OPEN HEALTH

Medicine must follow the path set by schools

Education used to be known as the "secret garden" from which parents were actively kept out. Much daylight is now shed upon schools and teachers. Where the culture of secrecy and cover-up can still flourish is in the health service — as a public meeting in Folkestone for victims of the struck-off gynaecologist, Rodney Ledward, heard last

Mr Ledward was finally banned from practising after a ten month inquiry found that a third of his operations had resulted in serious complications and 12 of those examined showed evidence of incompetence. The General Medical Council afterwards heard horrendous tales of professional misconduct. He removed one patient's ovaries without her permission and so botched the operation that she lost two litres of blood. Another patient suffered a potentially fatal perforated bowel. Now up to 180 women have told the hospital that he mishandled their operations.

It was only when the surgeon bungled badly, and then switched off his mobile phone after an operation, that the hospital was forced to call in a colleague, John Davies, to save the patient's life. Mr Davies was so appalled by what he found that he reported the incident to the hospital's medical director.

But the pattern of Mr Ledward's incompetence went back seven years. So how was a surgeon whose patients nearly bled to death allowed to operate for so long? Many of the answers lie in a culture in which patients have little power, whistleblowers are penalised and doctors' careers depend on their colleagues' approbation. Health is at least ten years behind education in its openness and accountability. Doctors, like teachers in the old days,

are allowed to regulate themselves - or to cover up for each other. GPs may know which are the bad consultants, and so do other hospital doctors and managers; but patients are the last to discover, sometimes

Greater transparency is beginning to come. After the Bristol heart scandal this summer, the Department of Health insisted that all doctors should take part in clinical audits to assess their performance and that a Commission for Health Improvement (CHI) should inspect hospitals and their doctors once every four years. Meanwhile, clinical outcomes - for instance, deaths after heart surgery or the length of time a hip replacement lasts will be published for each hospital team.

These are all welcome incursions into the doctors' secret domain. But they do not go far enough. In America, patients can go into their public library and look up the performance of every single specialist. Doctors complain that "raw" league tables are misleading: the best consultants may take on the most difficult cases, who are more likely to die. But the science of risk adjustment has been well developed in the US so that statistics can easily be weighted to reflect the initial health of the patient. British doctors should have their individu-

al performances open to scrutiny too. And when the CHI is set up, it should be seen to be independent of the medical profession. Like Ofsted, its education equivalent, the CHI should contain a large lay element and be chaired by a figure prepared to take on the powerful vested interests of doctors. For while consultants are allowed to hide key data behind the veil of professional secrecy, both public confidence and health will be at risk.

THE TENDER TAJ

Too many feet destroy the marble mausoleum

Next year has been designated "Visit India Year". And yet, as the sub-continent prepares to embrace ever more tourists, its most popular monument, the Taj Mahal. may be forced to close. The centuries have taken their toll on this minareted mausoleum. Chronic pollution cancers the marble; dust storms erode the red Sikri stone. But, above all, it is the trudgings of more than ten million pairs of feet a year which are threatening this paragon of Mogul art. By their very presence, tourists are destroying

the thing they most seek. Once travelling was an arduous and expensive affair. The cultural pilgrimage of the 18th-century Grand Tour was a once-in-a-lifetime ordeal, affordable only by the wealthy few. But now, as package holiday companies jostle for customers and airlines compete with their cut-price deals. people who might once have been content to go to their local seas-side are to be found in Goa instead. But all too often their numbers not only destroy the mood and atmosphere of a historic site, but damage

the materials from which it is made At Lascaux in France, where moisture from the breath of visitors condensed on the cave paintings and harmed them. a replica of the Lascaux "experience" was created near by. Similarly, the Italians are constructing a copy of 1st-century Rome some hundred miles from their real capital. Visitors can stay there, enjoying re-enactments of gladiatorial contests and chariot races round a faux Colosseum. These theme park-style mock-ups should be encouraged. For those simply in search of a fun day out, they not only provide more in the way of entertainment, but rebeve visitor pressure on historic sites.

There are, however, less radical ways of balancing the requirements of conservation, access and the interests of the local community at historic sites. Simple restrictions on ticket numbers make a good start. And by issuing tickets on a first come, first served basis, rather than raising the entry price, those who are most interested, and hence most prepared to queue, are the ones who will gain access. Visitor centres can also be removed from a historic site, with park and ride buses linking the two, the rhythm of the transport controlling numbers of visitors at any one time.

The Indian Government will have to consider some of these measures if it is to preserve its most popular monument for posterity. It could begin with a tip from the Germans. Visitors to many a schloss are not allowed to enter with shoes. Shuffling in a pair of borrowed overslippers not only prevents harsh erosion of delicate floors, but helps with polishing. But beyond this, the Indian Government will have to consider far more severe measures. Restricting entry to the Taj may risk a loss of tourist money, but to continue to allow unrestricted entry will kill the goose which lays the golden egg.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Lords stick to their guns on closed-list voting system

From the General Secretary of the Movement for Christian Democracy

Sir, The only trace of a manifesto commitment from the Labour Party to change the voting system for election to the European Parliament was a passing reference to their support for a proportional system of voting.

There is no mention in their manifesto of any party list system, closed or otherwise. They have no mandate from the electorate to introduce such a system. For voters to have known about Labour's commitment to closed lists, they would have had to read, rather than a party manifesto, the written results of the pact struck during the summer of 1996, by a Lib-Lab committee chaired by Robin Cook and Robert Maclennan.

The committee was made up of two or three constitutional "experts", and a handful of MPs and peers, who were all appointed to the committee by party bosses. In its report the committee binds both parties to the support of a list system. One has to wonder why this was not repeated in Labour's election material.

Paradoxically this same unelected committee concluded in its report

There is too much power centralised in the hands of too few people, and too little freedom for local communities to decide their own priorities.

Yours faithfully. JONATHAN BARTLEY. General Secretary, Movement for Christian Democracy, Mayflower Centre, Vincent Street, El6 ILZ. 113117.3313@compuserve.com November 14.

From Mr Robert Evans, MEP for London North West (Party of European Socialists Group (Labour))

Sir. Lord Shore of Stepney is quoted as saying that the government plans for next year's European elections are about the "electorate versus the

Sir. Judge not a man, until you have

worn his moccasins for a day. Your leader, "The last word - Saddam

must not get another chance to cheat"

(November 16), will doubtless gain

sage approval in London. Consider,

however, what you might feel if you

were in the shoes of a citizen of

dead over seven years. Albert Rey-nolds, Senator Michael Lanigan.

Peter Doyle, Brian Griffin and I were

in the Teaching Hospital in Baghdad

last Sunday, where five children die

every day of avoidable disease.

Schools without basic equipment. The

once famous University of Baghdad

reduced to penury. Pollution every-

where, oil slicks on roads, malfunc-tioning exhausts, black smoke billow-

ing from chimneys: any progress made at Buenos Aires must be deeply

harmed by what Iraq is doing to the

So without delay, an official delega-

tion from Britain and the US should

go to Iraq to talk to the proud Northern Arabs, on terms of dignity

and attempted reconciliation. Not

until we ourselves have met this

moral obligation have we the right to

contemplate raining missiles on the land that is the cradle of civilisation.

global environment

TAM DALYELL.

November 16.

House of Commons.

Grammar schools

see also report, same day).

From the Headmaster of Caistor

Grammar School, Lincolnshire

Sir, I warmly endorse the sentiments

expressed in your leading article

"Labour's blindspot" (November 16;

Whilst the Labour Government

cannot bring itself to abolish gram-

mar schools, and the complexity of its' proposed regulations leads one to

suspect that it would actually rather

see them continue, its conduct in

opening the door to a succession of

anti-selection campaigns is indeed

It is ironic that while the Govern-

ment seeks to wash its hands of the

issue by passing it over to local parents to decide, it is most likely that

the initiative will not be seized by

them (for they seem very largely

content with the current arrange-

ments) but by diehard old Labour

supporters, stuck in a time warp,

seeking the completion of a rigid

educational system which has already

been rendered out of date because of

the government reforms. These ideo-

selection continue to make the excel-

lent case to retain the few remaining

grammar schools that are doing so

much to raise standards.

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Yours faithfully.

ROGER HALE.

Headmaster.

November 16.

the country

One and a quarter million children

Iraq's pain

From Mr Tam Dalyell.

MP for Linlithgow (Labour)

selectorate" ("Defiant Lords challenge new law on voting", later edidons, November 13).

At nine general elections over a period of 33 years. Peter Shore was the only Labour candidate presented to the voters of Stepney. Potential Labour voters could not choose the candidate to represent them, as this had already been done by the party members - the "selectorate" - and then their decision eodorsed by the

> In the Government's proposals for next year's European elections, the system is not very different. Labour and the other political parties will have chosen, by a variety of alterna-tive methods, the list of candidates to represent them. In London, Labour has chosen ten people for ten vacancies, just as previously there would have been one candidate for one

> Labour Party nationally. The only choice would have been between the

candidates of the different political

vacancy. Labour is able to present to the voters of London a team; balanced by gender and ethnicity to reflect the rich diversity that is the nation's capital. For Lord Shore and other non-elected peers to try to prevent or stall this is not the way forward, in the interest of democracy, Labour voters or the electorate in general.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT EVANS, Labour Euro Office Pavitt Hall. Union Road, Wembley, Middlesex HAO 4AU, November 13.

From Mr Peter John Carey

Sir, Far from being evidence of why hereditary peers should be abolished. last night's vote is overwhelming justification for the retention of a system that protects democracy from the power of the executive.

The defeated closed-list voting system is profoundly undemocratic. As voters we should be able to choose our own representatives. A candidate's party affiliation may be the main influence in voters' choice, but it is not the sole influence and the right to choose between candidates as individuals should not be taken away.

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Yours faithfully, PETER JOHN CAREY. 105 Shaggy Calf Lane, Slough, Berkshire SL2 SHP. November 13.

From Mrs Norma Bagshaw

Sir. You report (November 13) that "Labour insisted the defeat was fresh evidence of why hereditary peers needed to be abolished ... that without the hereditary peers' vote the

Government would have won".
I had always believed that the standard of debate in the Lords was superior to that in the Commons and that the vast experience of both hereditary and life peers could be of value to the government of the day, and may result in modification of some proposed legislation.

However, if, as the report implies, the purpose of a reformed House of Lords will be to "rubber stamp" all government legislation, can anyone explain to me why the House of Lords will be reformed and not abolished? There must be less expensive ways to wield a rubber stamp.

Yours. NORMA BAGSHAW. 59 Clement Road, Marple Bridge, Stockport SK6 5AG. November 13.

From Miss Diana Glyn Jones

Sir, Three cheers for the Lords. The Community is stuffed with faceless bureaucrats. Are we now to add faceless politicians?

Yours etc. DIANA GLYN JONES. Elm Vale Farm, Palgrave. Nr Diss, Norfolk IP22 IAB. November 12.

From Mrs Wendy Maas

Sir, I returned from Venice on October 11 and was horrified and saddened to see the amount of daily flooding. On October 8 not only was St Mark's Square flooded on to surrounding higher pavements, shops and alleyways, but so were the entrance halls to the Doge's Palace (no Mark's Basilica.

In many hotels facing the lagoon, waiters and customers were obliged to wear wellingtons supplied by the management, and a wet, whiskery rat was poised to jump into one hotel from the approaching duckboards, until shooed away by a porter.

A local church has been converted into an exhibition centre, outlining various schemes to protect Venice. Reinforcement of the coastline is taking place. However, the outstanding problem of agreement about the mobile flood barriers, highlighted by your excellent leader ("Buying time", November 9), puts Venice at continued and frightening risk.

Yours sincerely WENDY MAAS. Bingley Seat, Woodbank Road, Rivelin, Sheffield S6 6GT. November 10.

Theatre's contribution

Sir, In considering alternative uses for money spent on the Dome, Doris the point that when a theatre dies (her example is in New York) the surround-ing area declines. This is demonstrawrite, we have many living theatres which, in the teeth of cash squeezes. standstill funding or obstructive tax or planning regimes, somehow still manage to breathe life (social and It may seem philistine to measure a

Yours faithfully, (Commercial Manager).

Sir, The proposal to move News at Ten to a later slot (report and leading article, November 6; letters, October 21) prompts me to ask why the BBC's Nine O'Clock News should not be moved to 10 o'clock. ITV would get its extended evening programme and bedtime news addicts would still get their nightly "fix".

Would anyone notice the difference? Yours faithfully, 118 Campden Hill Road, London W87AR.

From Mr Allen Sykes

'Frightening flood risk' to Venice

Sir, In your leading article lamenting the dangers to Venice from continued delay in constructing the mobile flood barrage you cite, as you have in the past, the capital cost (£1.5 billion) and the £6 million annual maintenance

This may seem high when Italy is the current recession and the cost of entering EMU, but it is modest when set against the preservation of one of the world's finest cities.

Future generations will never forgive serious damage to or the eventual loss of such an artistic heritage, which in some real sense belongs to the whole world. If the costs, either temporarily or permanently, are beyond Italy's resources, then other countries including Britain must contribute.

To further hazard the massive treasures of Venice because of temporary Italian financial stringency is inexcusable.

Yours faithfully, ALLEN SYKES, Mallington, 29 The Mount, Feicham, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 9EB. November 10.

Hunting ban

From Mr P. W. James

Lessing (letter, November 11) makes bly so in the UK. Fortunately, as I economic) into a street, a town, a city.

theatre's success by its contribution to civic planning or social cohesion, still more so to focus on its economic contribution to the national purse (London's West End theatres alone generate £1 billion of economic activity per annum). Yet these are the lines of argument which perhaps need to be pursued if policymakers are to get the message: theatre pays.

P. W. JAMES The Society of London Theatre, 32 Rose Street, WC2E 9ET. November 11.

Later TV news

logical activists will be parachuted in to cause trouble in local areas all over From Mr J. D. B. Miller-Stirling It is critical that those who support

J. D. B. MILLER-STIRLING, November 12

From the Director-General of the National Trust

Sir, Record membership numbers, record levels of income from legacies, an unprecedented response to recent appeals, including £4 million raised in just 13 weeks for the purchase of two farms in central Snowdonia, all show that confidence in the National Trust is higher now than it has ever been. Moreover, when specifically invited to criticise the trust's management at last week's AGM (letter, November 12) less than I per cent of members chose to do so.

The Trust is fully aware that its decision oot to renew licences for the hunting of red deer in the West Country has upset hunt supporters, but we cannot and will not allow this single issue to deflect us from the important work on which we are daily engaged with our farm tenants and our neighbours throughout England. Wales and Northern Ireland.

Yours faithfully, MARTIN DRURY, Director-General, The National Trust. 36 Queen Anne's Gate, SWIH 9AS. November 13.

Whatever the weather

From Mr Des MacHale Sir. Your weather forecast of Novem-

ber 11 for the Republic of Ireland predicts Freshening southerly winds, with ales in exposed parts later.

Hardy lot those Irisb, drinking outdoors in such wet and windy weather.

Yours sincerely, DES MacHALE. 24 Avonlea Court. Blackrock, Cork. stmt8011@bureau.ucc.ie November 11.

Costly bishops 'due for a cull'

From the Reverend Edward Underhill

Sir. tt is said (report, November 13), 10 justify the need of drivers by bishops, that those who did have drivers used their time in the back of the car to write sermons. So now we know why some episcopal sermons are not as good as they should be. The time and place to write sermons is, as every young curate knows, in one's study

before breakfast. But let not this revelation of what bishops do in the back of their cars detract from the devastating fact that our bishops expenses cost us £8 million and rising, in what the spokeswoman for the Archbishop of Canterbury describes as " . . a time of growing demand": a demand for what, we must ask.

For a number of years there has been a clamour from the ranks for a drastic reduction in centralisation, in the acres of paper we are flooded with, for less "top brass" and for the parishes to be allowed to get on with their work.

With E8 million on the bishops and about £6 million to service the General Synod, we in the parishes are finding it increasingly difficult to get our congregations to "tithe our incomes to pay for the ministry we need, as Lord Coggan put it in a succinct and memorable sentence. These latest figures will do little to halt the exodus of young professional men and women from the Church into the independent "house groups".

Yours faithfully. EDWARD UNDERHILL St George's Vicarage, 327 Durham Road. Gateshead NE9 5AJ. November 13,

From the Reverend David Jennings

Sir, The issue that the Church of England ought perhaps to consider is not how much bishops cost but how many it can afford.

In 1994 there were 368 fewer stipendiary clergy than in 1993. If the rate of reduction were to continue there will be no full-time clergy in 30 years' time. However, there appears to have been no comparable reduction

in the number of bishops. Might there be an argument for a selective episcopal cull? There is the possibility that the Church will still have 108 full-time bishops when there are no clergy.

Yours faithfully, DAVID JENNINGS. Rector

Burbage with Aston Flamville, The Rectory, New Road, Burbage, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 2AW. November 13.

Rewarding rabbis

From Mr Barry Hyman

Sir, Jack Shamash's article about tipping rabbis ("Buy yourself some-thing nice", Weekend, November 7) will have given readers the impression that the distasteful practice of offering gratuities is the norm. This may have been the case many years ago when they were unpaid, but I am astonished to hear that it still goes on. Certainly in the Reform Jewish movement, this embarrassing old practice has been discouraged for a long time. We do not wish mourners. at a time of grief, to feel that they have to further reward clergy or cemetery

staff when their synagogue fees have already paid for funeral expenses. If Mr Shamash's mother's rabbi "... wears expensive suits and goes on skiing holidays" he certainly does not need her monetary thanks for doing his job, and our rabbis would

not expect it. Yours faithfully, BARRY HYMAN. Reform Synagogues of Great Britain. The Sternberg Centre for Judaism. 80 East End Road, N3 2SY. hymanb@refsyn.org.uk November 10.

Period pieces

From Mr James Bogle

Sir. I never did divine the significance of "semi-contemporary dwellings", seen some time ago on a housing development in Yorkshire (letters, October 26, 29; November 4 and 6). Anyhow, they weren't "semis".

Yours faithfully. JAMES BOGLE. 8 Waller Road, SE14 5LA.

Driving preference

From Mr Keith B. Pearson

Sir, At a hotel commandeered for the duration of the war by the RAF for trainee airmen there was an occasion when it seemed that those on the ground floor were required to go upstairs and those upstairs to come down with consequent turmoil on the stairs (letters, October 31, November 4, 12). A corporal, who today would be defined as having learning difficulties, sought to alleviate the chaos by shouting: "Keep to the left going up: keep to the right coming down."

Yours faithfully, KEITH B. PEARSON, 27 Russell Hill. Purley, Surrey CR8 2JB. November 13.

Memorial services



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE. November 16: The Duke of Edinburgh, Founder and Chairman, this afternoon gave a Lunch and chaired a Meeting of the Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association at Buckingham Palace.

at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Senior
Fellow, this evening attended the
Royal Academy of Engineering
New Fellows' Dinner at Drapers' Hall, Thogmorton Street, City of

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Mr John Parsons (Deputy Treasur-er to The Queen) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Sir Raiph Freeman (former Consuling Engineer at Sandringham) which was held in St Margaret's Church Westminster Abbey. London, teday.

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 16: The Prince of Wales, President. Royal Shakespeare Company, this afternoon chaired the Annual Governors Meeting at the Other Place, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire.

BUCKING HAM PALACE November 16: The Duke of York. Colonel-in-Chief, this morning presented The Royal New Zealand Army Logistic Regiment with The Prince Andrew Banner at Palmerston North Showgrounds. New Zealand, and afterwards attended a Lunch at Linton Camp. His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Palmerston North City. The Duke of York this evening

attended a Reception given by the Governor-General at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Auckland, BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 16: The Prince Edward, Trustee, this afternoon attended a Lunch and a Meeting for the Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Asso-ciation at Buckingham Palace. KENSINGTON PALACE November 16: The Duke of

Gloucester today visited the Head-quarters of the National Criminal Intelligence Service and also the Headquarters of the South East Area Office of the National Crime Squad. London. ST JAMES'S PALACE November 16: The Duke of Kent

this morning visited Vanners Silks, Weavers Lane, Sudbury, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk (the Lord Belstead).

His Royal Highness this after-noon visited Sudhury Town Hall and officially opened the new Gates of the Main Door. The Duke of Kent afterwards visited Shawlands Housing Estate,

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE November 16: Princess Alexandra this morning took part in Motabilitris morning took part in twicersary cy's Twenty First Anniversary celebrations by handing over the keys of the charity's one millionth vehicle at the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace.

Today's royal engagements The Oueen will hold an Investiture

af Buckingham Palace at 11.00. The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Life Member of the British Sub-Aqua Club, will present The Duke of Edinburgh's Prize at Buckingham Palace at 10.00; as patron and Twelfth Man, will present the Lord's Taverners Troohy at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; as president and honorary Life Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manu-factures and Commerce, will present the 1998 Albert Medal at a funcheon at 8 John Adam Street, London WC2, at 12.45; and as president, the English Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, will present the 1998 Duke of Edinburgh English Language Book Competition Awards and the English Speaking Union English Language Awards and will alterwards chair a meeting of the English Speaking Union Language Com-mittee at Buckingham Palace at

The Prince of Wales will visit the Army Training Regiment, Pir-bright, Surrey, to meet staff and recruits of the Household Division Ethnic Minority Initiative at 10.30. Prince Edward, trustee, the Doke of Edinburgh's Award international Foundation, will attend a dinner for members of the Award's World Fellowship at the Tower of London at 6.50.

The Princess Royal will open Haltwhistle Development Corporation's Redevelopment Scheme at was among the guests.

Halrwhistle Station, Halrwhistle, Northumberland, at 10.00; will visit Hexham Tans Rehabilitation Project, Hexham, at 11.05; will visit the new stand at Hexham Racecourse at 11.35; as president, Riding for the Disabled Association, and will open the Unicorn Centre. Stainton Way, Hemlington, Middiesbrough, at 2.30. Later she will attend their conference dinner at Newcastle upon Tyne, at 6.30. Princess Margaret, patron, will visit the Purine Research Laboratory, Thomas Guy House, Guy's Campus, King's College, London

SEL at 5.00. Princess Alexandra, Patron of the Bethlem and Maudsley NHS Trust, will open the Lishman Unit at the Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SES, at 2.00; and will attend a reception to be given by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health Management at Chadwick Court, 15 Hatfields, London SEI, at 7,00.

Musicians' Company

The Master of the Musicians' Company. Professor Malcolm Troup, presided at the Installation Dinner and Annual Awards Cere-mony held at Merchant Taylors' Hall. The principal guests were Professor Sir James Black, FRS. and Professor Rona McKie. The Davidoff Quartet entertained, accompanied by The Master. Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne

Forthcoming marriages

Mr B. Cumming Forsyth and Miss A.F. McGregor The engagement is announced between Ben, son of Mrs Isobel Porsyth and the late Mr Claude nming Forsyth, of Edinburgh, and Ann Francesca, daughter of Mrs Sheila McGregor Hintjens, of Edinburgh, and Mr Frans M.J. Hintjens, of Antwerp, Belgium. Mr J.J.M. Foster

and Miss A.Y.C. Lin
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Professor and Mrs Paul Foster, of Chichester, Sussex, and Angela, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Billy H.J. Lin, of Taipei, Taiwan. Mr D.A. Lyle and Mrs M.R. Allsopp The engagement is announced between David Lyle, of London

SWI, and Tania Allsopp, widow of Mark Allsopp of Manningtree,

Mr E.H.G.B. Paige-Turner and Miss S. Holland-Bosworth The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs Noel Paige-Turner, of Woodhayes, Honiton, Devon, and Sophie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Holland-Bosworth. of The Manor House, Buriton, Hampshire. Mr D.B. Scholefield

and Miss L.E. Dewey The engagement is announced between David Bernard, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Robert Scholefield, and Laura Elizabeth, daughter of Mr Neil Dewey and Mrs Angela Knight

Mr S.K. Sharma and Miss A.J. Hubbard
The engagement is announced between Sunil, son of Mr and Mrs Saroj Sharma, of Surrey, and Amanda, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Ray Hubbard, of Wigston, Leicestershire. Mr R.C. Wilson

and Miss F.A. Milcham The engagement is announced between Richard Colin, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Wilson, of Glencorse, Midlothian, and Felicity Anne, eldest daughter of Major and Mrs Patrick Mileham, of Gartmore, Perthshire,

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Louis XVIII, King of France 1795-1824, Versailles, 1755; August Mobius, astronomer, Schulpforia, Germany, 1790; Bernard Law Montgomery, 1st Vis-count Montgomery of Alamein, London, 1887: Queen Astrid, Consort of King Leopold III of Belgium, Stockholm, 1905; Rock Hudson, actor, Winnetka, Illinois,

DEATHS: Queen Mary I (Mary Tudor), reigned 1553-58, London, LSS; Auguste Rodin, sculptor, Meudon, France, 1917; Eric Gill, artist, sculptor and typographer, Harefield, Uxbridge, 1940. The first ship passed through the Panama Canal. 1913.

Sir Denvs Buckley A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Denys Buckley will be held in Lincoln's Inn Chapel at 5.00pm on Monday, November 30.

New ambassador Mr Anthony Layden has been appointed Ambassador to Morocin succession to Mr William

the Diplomatic Service.

Pullerton who will be retiring from

Jenifer Wright, Andrej Jovanic and Ann Allen, students at the Royal Academy of

Music, try out some of the rare 19th-century Italian mandolins and lutes at the Fine Art and Antiques Fair which opened at Olympia, London, last night

Corporation of London

The Lord Mayor, Alderman Lord Levene of Portsoken, accompanied by the Sheriffs, Mr Alderman Gavyn Arthur and Mr Brian Harris, and their ladies, entertained the outgoing Lord Mayor. Alderman Sir Richard Nichols. at a banquet held last night at Guildhall. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir Richard Nichols, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Prime Minister and the Lord Chancellor were the speakers. Among those present were:

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Mri Blair, Mrs Carey, Lady Irvine of Lairg, the President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons and Mr Lioned Reckett, the Speaker, the Hon Ofiver Walson, the Leader of the House of Lords and Professor M W Adler, King Constantine of the Hellenes, Printer Nikolaus of the Hellenes, the Ambussador of Lehamon, the Ambussador of Labanon, the Ambussador of Cham, the High Commissioner for Singapore and Mrs Pilay, the Ambussador of China and Mrse Chen Xiandong, the Ambussador of France, the Ambussador of Israel and Mrs Zelgerman, the High Commissioner for Australia and Mrs Hood, the Ambassador of France, the Vice Mayor Zhou Muyao of Shangfail.

The Lord Chamberlain and Lady

Camoya, Raine Counsess Spencer, Viscount Younger of Leckie, KT, and Viscounness Younger, the Bishop of London and Mrs Sacks, the Director of the Council and Principal of the Mustim College and Mrs Backs, the Director of the Council and Principal of the Mustim College and Mrs Backsot, Lord Mackay, Lord and Lady Weinstock, Lord and Lady Young of Graffham, Lord and Lady Young of Graffham, Lord and Lady Wolfson, the Lord-lately Molfson, the Lord-lately Marchanas of Greater London and Lady Bramall, Bareness James of Holland Park, Lord and Rady Weitherill, Lord and Lady Rodgers of Quarry Bank, Lord and Lady Rodgers of Quarry Bank, Lord and Lady Wincent of Coleshill, Lord Hund of Westwell, CH, Lord and Lady Bagir, Lord and Lady Wincent of Brockwell, Lord Jamer of Branstotone, QC, Lord and Lady Marshall of Knightshridge.

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Private Secretary to Trade and Industry, the Private Secretary to Trade and Industry, the Private Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Private Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Private Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Private Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Private Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Private Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Private Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Private Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Private Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Pavid Davis, MP, the Governor of the Early Comment, Transport and the Regions and Mrs Reynstord, the Lord Chief Justice and Lady Brightam of Combill, the President of the Family Division, Mrs P Eastham, the Vice-Chancelior of the Chancery Division and Lady Scott, Lord Justice and Lady Henry, Mr Justice McKinnon, Miss Saba Levene. Communder Str Robin Gillen, Miss Lucy Schaufer, General Sir Brann and Lady Kenny, the Chief of the Defence Staff and Lady Gudrie. Sir John and Lady Bourn, Vice-Admiral Sir Robert and Lady Walmsley, the Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Home Civil Service and Lady Wilson. Sir Andrew and Lady Turnbull, Sir Richard and Lady Moltman, Sir Hayden and the Hon Lady Weitherall, Sir John and Lady Egan. Sir Raiph and Lady Robins, Sir Idris Pearee, Sir Sydney and Lady Lipworth, Sir Devid Walker, Mrs Siece. His Honour Sir Lawrence and Lady Verney, Sir Idris Pearee, Sir Lawrence and Lady Verney, Sir Idris and Lady Walker. Mrs Siece. His Honour Sir Lawrence and Lady Verney, Sir Idris and Lady Kalms. Sir Malcolm and Lady McIntosh. Sir Peter and Lady Enfeld. Sir Malcolm and Lady McIntosh. Sir Peter and Lady Bonfield. Sir Malcolm and Lady Malcor and Lady Bonfield. Sir Malcolm and Lady Bonfield. S

Luncheon

Guild of Editors Mr Geoffrey Martin, Head of Representation of the European Commission in the United Kingdom, was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Guild of Editors Parliamentary and Legal Committee held yesterday at Bloomsbury House, Mr Nick Carrer, chairman France, the Vice Mayor Zhou Moyao of Zuhieta, the Front Persard and Mrs Lever, the Horn John and Mrs Lever, the Horn John and Mrs Lever, the Horn John and Mrs Lever, the Horn Timothy The Lord Chamberbain and Lady Horn Mrs Mathiew Walsh, the Horn Timothy Leicester Mercury, presided. of the guild and Editor of the

id Monteith officiated. Sir Jeremy

The Rev Roger Holloway, Priest Vicar officiated, assisted by the Rev David Corfe. Team minister of Ministry among Asians in Britain, who led the prayers. Mr Roger Sainsbury, President of the Institu tion of Civil Engineers, and General Sir John Subbon. Chief Royal Engineer, read the lessons.

Ms Sarah Freeman, grand-daughter, read from Mere Christi-

Sir Ralph Freeman The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by

Mr John Parsons at a service of

SIMON WALKET

anity by C.S. Lewis. Mr Colin Coulson, Chairman of Mouchel Consulting, gave an address. The Rev Richard Le Bas John-son was robed and seated in the

Sanctuary. After the service a selection of music by Arthur Sullivan was played by the Kent Wind Soloists. The Dutch Ambassador was represented by Mr Bas Backer. Among those present were:

sented by Mir Das Backer. Anlong those present were:

Dr and Mrs High Freeman (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Michael Corfe son-in-law and daughter). Mrs Julia Freeman (haughter-in-law), Dr Jeremy Corfe. Mrs Louise Corfe. Miss Diane Corfe. Mrs Louise Corfe. Miss Diane Corfe. Mr Mark Freeman, Miss Victoria Freeman, Miss Anna Freeman, Mr James Freeman and Miss Lucy Freeman (grandchildren). Mr James Freeman (brother). Mr James Freeman (brother). Mr and Mrs Dereck Pearson (brother-in-law and sister). Major and Mrs John Freeman, Mr and Mrs Michael Freeman. Mrs Pam Freeman. Mrs Barbara Corfe. Mrs David Sandtord. Mrs Barbara Corfe. Mrs David Fleecher. Sir William Francis. Sir Alan Harris. Sir William Francis. Sir Alan Harris. Sir William And Lady Laing. Sir Julian Loyd. Sir Alan Muir Wood. Figs. Lady (Charlest Richardson. Vice-Admiral Sir Philip Walson. Lieutenant-General Sir David William. Sir Jack Zonz.

Mr R S Cobson Identenant-General Sir David William. Sir Jack Zonz.

Mr R S Cobson Identenant-General and secretary. Institution of Civil Engineers) with other members of the institution: Mr Povl Ahm. Mr John Appleton. Mr J V Bartlet. Mr Nicholas Bennett. Dr and Mrs William Brown. Mr Anthony Bull, Mr and Mrs S Camacuzino. Mr M N T Cottell. Mrs Colia Coulson. Mr and Mrs Peter Coa. Mr A

Sir John Lowther, former Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, 75; Sir Charles Mackerras, conductor, 73:
Professor Ravinder Malni, rheumatologist, 61; Sir Leslie Murphy, former non-executive director, PEL
Group, 83; Mr Richard Parham, managing director, Peugeot Motor
Company, 54: Lord Polwarth, 82:
Professor L.H. Rees, former Dean,
St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical
College, 56; Mr Jonathan Ross,
broadcaster, 38; the Right Rev John
Sauerthwahe. former Bishop of

Satterthwalte, former Bishop of Gibraliar in Europe, 73: Dr David

Saul, former Premier of Bermuda, 59; Mr Martin Scorsese, film director, 56; the Earl of Winchilsea,

S Crawford, Dr John Dougill, Professor P J Dowing, FRS, Professor Roger Duffell, Mr and Mrs John Evans.
Mr J A Galfiney, Mr Kenneth Griffiths, Mr Mark Griffiths, Mr Nigel Harris, Professor G T Houlsby, Dr 8 W Manley, Ms Elizabeth Monk, Mr Supert Mustow, Mr F J Parker, Major-General and Mrs P J M Pellercau, Professor and Mrs Tory Ridey, Mr D G M Roberts, Mrs R Sainsbury, Professor R T Severn, Mr and Mrs Rolin Wilson, Major-General and Mrs J C Woolbett and many other friends and former coflesques.

thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Ralph Freeman, consulting engincer, held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Mr Richard Johann Dunn A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Richard Dunn, television executive, was held yesterday at Si Martin-in-the-Fields. The Rev Dav-

> Isaacs. Mr Andrew Dunn, son, and Ms Elizabeth Dunn, daughter, gave readings. Sir Paul Fox, Mr Roy Addison. director of external communicaid Elstein, chief executive, Channel 5 and Mr Bob Phillis, chief Guardian Media executive, Guardian Media Group, paid tribute. Among others

present were:

Group, paid tribule. Arriving others present were:

Mrs Dunn (widow), William Dunn (son), Mrs Tulla Dunn (mother), Mrs Heiga Palmer teister); the Earl of Rossyn, Lord Brabuurte. Baroness Brigstocke. Lord Helick (chief executive, United News and Media), Lady Kingsdown, Lord Prumam (chairman, Enigma Productions), Lord Stohn of Stowisty, Sir Campbell Adamson, Sir Christopher Bland (Chairman of the Board of Governors, BBC), Sir Michael Bet, Sir John Read, Lady Calesta, Sir Petr Gibbings (chairman, Radio Authority), Lady Linter (chairman, Bardio Authority), Lady Stehlowson, Lady Trethowan.

Ms Elisaheth Murdoch (managing director, Sky Networks, also representing the chairman and chief executive. Pearson Television) with Mr Lan West. Mr David Chance and other tnembers of the groups Mr Greg Dyle (chairman and chief executive. Pearson Television) with taber members of saff. Mr Will Wyatt (chief executive, ITN), Mr Richael Eyre (chief executive, ITN), Mr Richael Eyre (chief executive, Independent Television Commission), Mr Raymond Snoddy (The Times), Mr Michael Aspel, Mr Bill Comm. Mr Andrew Gardner, Ms Ste Lawley, Mr Cliff Michelmore, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr, Mr Chiner and many other Iriends and former colleagues.

Birthdays today Dinners

Ms Lesley Abdela, chief executive officer. Project Parity, 53; Sir The Royal Academy of Jeremy Beecham, former chair The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior man. Association of Metropolitan Authorities, 54; Admiral Sir Jere-my Black, 66: Dr S.L. Bragg. Fellow of The Royal Academy of Engineering, attended the 1998 New Fellows' Dinner held last night at the Drapers' Hall, London. The Speech of Welcome was given by the President. Sir David Davies, CRE EFERS CRE The Senior Fellow. my Black, 66: Dr S.L. Bragg, aeronautical engineer. 75: Dr G. Bulmer, former Rector, Liverpool Polytechnic, 78: Mr Danny DeVim, actor, 54: Mr John Dobson, tetor, 68: Mr David Emanuel, fashion designer, 46: Miss Fenella Fielding, actress, 64: Mr Michael Freeman, orthopaedic surgeon, 67: the Rev Dr Kenneth Greet, former President, Methodist Conference, 80: General Sir Charles Guthrie, 60: Sir Jeremy Hanley, former MP, 53: Mr P.R.S. Harmack, comptroller-general and chief executive, the Patent Office, 56: Mr Colin Hayes, palnter, 79; Professor Anthony king, Professor of Government, Essex University, 64: Sir John Lowther, former Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, 75; Sir the President. Sir Lavid Davies, CBE, FEng, FRS, The Senior Fellow proposed the toast to New Fellows and Mr David Ball, FEng, Chair-man of Nortel Ltd. responded on habil for the New Fellows hehalf of the New Fellows. Institute of United States Studies

Baroness Thatcher, LG, OM, FRS, Chairman of the Board of the Institute of United States Studies, was the host at a dirner held last night at Lincoln's Inn in honour o Mr James A. Baker III after he had delivered the annual James Bryce lecture. Among those present were: Mrs Baker, Lard Reawick, Sir Denis Thatcher. Senator Fred Thompson, Mr and Mrs FW die Klerk, Mr Lloyd N Cutler and Mr Edwin Meese III and Mrs Meese.

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Anglo-Belgian Society Viscount Montgomery of Alamein presided at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Belgian Society held last night at the Anglo-Belgian Club to mark King's Day (November 15). Mr Neil MacGregor, Director of the National Gallery, was the guest of honour and principal speaker. The Belgian Ambassador also spoke. Sir Edward Jackson, chairman of the society, was among those present.

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Their misdeeds have barred the way back to their God, for the spirit of immunality which is in them prevents them from know-ing the Lord. Bloom 5: 4 BIRTHS

BIRTHS

BARR - On November 4th to Emilia (née Michaelides) and Andrew, a son.

SELLOMETTI - On November 14th at The Portland Hospital to Christine and Byron, a daughter, Tatiana.

BREWER - On November 10th at The Portland Hospital to Adrianne and Hospital to Adriance and Mark, a son, Sebastian, a brother for Harrison. CHRANKSHAM - On 3rd
November 1998, at
Kingston Hospital to
Nicola and Graham, a dear
son, Henry William Fraser,
a brother for George. With
grateful thanks to the
Gloucester Team and
especially Roisin

especially Roisin McCormsck DOYNE - On October 9th at The Portland Hospital to Lisa (née De Savary) and

Tun, o son, Finn. GORDON LENNOX - On November 11th at The Portland Hospital to Camilla and Angus, a son Geordie Charles, a brother for Iona and Emily.

HOOO - On 11th November 1998, ot the Lindo Wing, to Flora (née Casement) and Henry, rwina, Willoughby and Edith, a brother and sister for Archio and Atticus.

JEROME - On Thursday November 5th to Gillian Walker and Mark Jerome, a son, James Marcus a son, James Marcus Walker Jerome. Congratulations and best Congratulations and wishes from all your friends at N.L.

KMBERLY – On November 13th at The Portland Hospital to Tara and Mike, a son, Alexander Elliott, o future England striker.

KULAK - On November 10th of The Portland Hospital to Lisa end Steven, a son, Hugo Emilian, a brother for Hannah and Beatrice. KYPRIOTIS - On 2nd November to Charlotte (née French) and Nick, o daughter, Sophia isabeliz Louise.

MCHOLS - On 11th November 1998, to Clare (née Cobley) and David, a daughter, Holly Sara. PEREZ FLOHR - On November 12th at The Portland Hospital to Ute and Angel, a son, Cabriel Unos De Los Padres Mas Felices Del Mundo.

IYAN - On November 10th In Dublin, to Iscints (née West) and Robert, a beaotiful daughter Isabella, o sister to Harrie Lorcan and Fintan and SHAW - On 1st Novem Francesca Hobart Ince Bredin) and Guy Shaw, a

SMITH - On November 8th 1998, to Nicola (née Lamb) and Alastair, a daughter, Isabelle Amy Protheros. WEST/ASTOR - On

November 9th, to Dominic and Polly, a benetiful daughter Martha, cousin especially to Isabella.

DEATHS

ALDRIDGE - Betty Angela, died pescefally on November 13th 1998 at the Royal Surrey County Hospital. Much loved mother of Simon and Annabel, grandmother and great-grandmother. great-grandmother Funeral Service on

Funeral Service on Thursday 19th November 1998, 11.45cm at St James Church, Eistead, Surrey. Family Rowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Stroke Association, c/o Robert Aying Funeral Sevices, 25 South Read, Guilford, Surrey, CU2 6NY. Tel: 01483 507333.

AllEN - On 14th November, Jenifer Luckley Severan of Rodborough Common, Stroud, Gloucestershire. Dearly loved and very loyal wife of Philip. Private family cremation. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be sent for The Royal British donations in lieu may be sent for The Royal British Legion c/o Philip Ford & Son Puneral Directors, Dirieton House, Camacross Road, Stroud,

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BEACHAM - Margaret Ann
in a tragic accident on 15th
November 1998. Beloved
wife of kemes (Tom),
mother of Andrew and
Lindsey, and grandms of
Phoebe. No flowers.
Tomations may be made to Donations may be made to the RSPCA or NCDL. Enquiries to G. Boutell & Son 01932 345037.

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- James, bushand of
Virginia, loving father of
Heurletts, Francesca and
Miles and racent
grandfather. Funeral
Mass, 10.30 a.m. on
Monday 23rd November at
Westminster Cathedral.

DEATHS CAUSTON - (née Miller). On November 15th, peacofully at Huntington House Nursing Home, Hindhead, Surrey, Elizabeth Mary. Much loved wils of the late Eric, mother of Nicholas, Christopber, Virginia, Anthony and Peter and grandmother. Funeral Service at St. Peter's, Lynchmare, Sussex on

COLE - Jonathan Richard died suddenly at home or Sunday November 15th. Dearly beloved husband of Julia and devoted father of Lottle and Alliott. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Colemans Hatch, East Sussex on Saturdsy 2irt November at 2pm. Family flowers only Please. Donations if desired to the NSPCC or Alzheimers, c/o R Medhurst Funeral Directors, Vine House, Hartfield, Sussex TN7 4AD. 01892 770253.

CRITCHEY SALMONSON
Major John Albert Mytes on
14th November. Husband
of the late Joan and father
of Denis, Mary-Clare,
Antonis and Henrietts.
Funeral at 12 noon, 21st
November at Kirtling R.C.
Church, ar Newmarket.
Family flowers only
please, but donations if
wished to The British
Legion or Countryside
Allance c/o Peasgoods,
Shower Hill, Saftron
Walden, CB11 3AQ.

DAKE - On November 13th, Robert Dakin M.A., formerly Headmaster of Mowden Hall School, died pescafully in Scarborough Dearly loved husband of Susan and loving Inther of James and Clare. Service at Woodlands Crematorium, Scarborough on Friday 20th November at 12.00 noon, Family flowers only, Donations, if desired, to St. Catherine's Respice, e/o T L. Chapman and Son 1.td. 19-21 Auborough, YO11 1877.

Service at St. Peter's, Lynchmare, Sussex on Friday November 20th at 2. Lipza, Iollowed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if so desired to Macmilian Service, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, West Sussex GU28 OBL.

DAVISON - Professor R. B.
Davison (Bob) died on
Saturday 14th November
1998 at the Royal Mareden
Hospital, Husband of
Betty, dad to Geoffrey,
Diana, Julia and Carolina.
We would welcome you to
say farewell with na at
Mortiake Crematorium at
4pm on 20th November,
Details from Frederick
Pains Tel: 0181 560 3978.

Paine Tel: 0181 560 3975.

DEAN - Peter, suddenly on November 13th aged 58 years. Formerly from Barnehurst, Kent. Beloved husband of Pat. Funeral Service to take place at Brundall Church (Norfolk) on Friday November 20th at 2.00pm. Family flowers only please, doantious in lieu to the Gorleston Lifeboat Fund, c/o John Gedge and Sons, Independent Funeral Directors, Garden Road Biofield, Norwich Norfolk, NR13 4fL. Tel: 01003 712276.

M.B.E. Beloved husband, father, and grandfather, on 11th November 1923, aged 79, Funeral Service, Birmingham Cathedral, 20th November 11.30am. 20th November 11.30am.
PENTON - Derrick on 12th
November 1998. Dearly
loved lather of Jennifer
and Claire, grandfather of
Alexander and Angelica.
Funeral at Putney Vale
Creanatorium Tuesday
24th November 11:30 am.
All friends and relatives
are invited to attend.

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FRASER - On November 12th
1938, peacefully at the
Yeatman Hospital,
Sherborne, Dorset, Ruth
Laobel, aged 31 years.
Much loved mother,
grandmother and greatgrandmother. Enquiries to
W.S. Brister and Son
Funeral Directors, 100
Lenthary Road, Sherborne
Dorset, Tel:01935 812647.

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GARWOOD - Mary Elizabeth, wife of the late Elizabeth, wife of the latt Captain RCS Garwood, CBE DSO, Royal Navy, and dearly loved grandmother of Charles and Nicholas d'Ambrumenii and their families. Funeral service 1330 at Capley families. Funeral service
13:30 at Canley
Crematorium Cannon Hill
Chapel, Coventry. There
will also be a memorial
service at 14:30 on Toesday
24th Novamber in St
Mary's Church, Alverstoke
Nr Gosport. Enquiries to
Grimmest & Timms
Funeral Directors 1:18
Albany Road, Earlsdon
Coventry CV5 6NG Tel:
01203 674748.

ANULTON - Denis Frederic, HAMBLTON - Deals Fraderic, on 4th November at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, aged 33. Formerly of St. Margeret's Road, Wanstead, Loudon. Much loved husband of Edith, fether of Winlfred and David.

HEDER - On 18th November 1998, Belinda (née Pemberton) aged 67, after a long Illness bravely borne. Very much loved by Richard, her children, family and frienda. Service of Thanksgiving at 5t. Mary's Parish Church, Liss on Thursday November 19th at 3.30pm. Family flowers only but donations if wished to Musicians. Benevolent Fund. 18 Dele Benevolent Fund, 16 Ogle Street, London, W1P 7LG.

HOUGHAM - Violet Emma, Sister Barbara, Desconess of the community of St. Andrew, on 13th November 1998, in the 61st year of ber profession. Her funeral will be privately held in the Community Chapel at St. Andrew's House, on Thursday 19th November at 12 o'clock. Family Rowers only. Denations if desired to the Pembridge Palliative Care Centre, St. Charles Hospital, c/o John Nodes and Som Ltd., 18t Ladbroks Grove, London W10 6HH. Tel:0181 969 1819. HOUGHAM - Violet Emme,

ISSERUS - Cynthia, beloved wife of George and wooderful mother of Annette, Rachel and Breven, died after a long illness bravely borne on 14th November, Funeral Mortiake Crematorium on Tuesday 24th November at 11.00cm, No Rowers, donations if wished to the Musicians Benevolent Fund, 15 Odle Street, London, W1.

KRINEAR - Richard, of St.
Albans, died peacefully on
Thursday, 12th November.
Beloved uncle and friend.
Funeral at St Saviour's
Church, Sandpit Lame, St.
Albans, at 1pm, on Friday
20th November 1998. No
flowers. Donations to
Arthritis & Rheamatism
Council for Research c/o
Phillips Funeral Services,
68 Alma Road, St Albans,
AL1 3BL.

LAMBERT - Ruth (née Fleming) on 14th November at Amesbury

Henry.

Mr Justice McKinnon. Miss Saba
McKinnon. Mr Justice Hidden. Mrs Mr
Argyle. Mr Justice and Lady Lindsay. Mr
Justice and Lady Singer, Major the Hon.
Nigel and Mrs Adderley, the Hon Lady de

November at Amesbury
Abbey Nursing Home after
a long lilness. Beloved wife
of Anthony, mother of
Anthony, Jocelyn, Isne,
Eatherine and Julia and
grandmother to Stephen,
Louise, Nicholas, Jonathan
and Charile, Funeral

LATIMEN - Newcastle upon Tyne, pescefully after a short iliness on November 13th aged 82 years, Fred Latimer (the principal offices he held in local and national swimming
associations were as
follows: President N&D
Counties 11950), President
NE District; 11957),
President ASA 11978),
Chairman GB (1983)).
Beloved husband of Nell,
a dearly loved father and
grandfather. Funeral
service of West Road
Crematorion on Friday
20th November at 12 noon
Family flowers only.
Donations if desired to
Beawell Dene Residents
Pund, c/o Mrs A Stocker,
Benwell Dene Nursing
Home, Benwell Lane,
Newcastle opon Tyne,
NEUS 6RU.

LYNE - peacfully at home oo November 11th in his 88th November 11th in his 88th year, Edwin, loved husband of Eiss and a dear stop-father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Funeral service at Woodlands Crematorium, Scarborough on Tuesday November 17th at 1.20pm. Family Bowers only please.

MARSHALL - Our 11th
November Margaret Mary
(Peggy), dearly loved sister
of Phillippa and Roger and
sister-in-law of Joyce.
Requiem Mass at St.
Cuthbert Church, Palatine
Road, Withington,
Manchester on Thursday
19th November at 9.36am
followed by private
interment, Pamily flowers
only plesse, donations if
desired to the National
Outcoporosis Society PO
Box 10, Radstock, Beth,
BA3 3YB, Inq: P. Loftes &
Son, Tel: 0161-851-8338.

MEYER - Peacefully on November 12th 1998, Joyce Evelyn, aged 85 years. Formerly of Street and Wells. Widow of the late R.J.O. Mayer. Founder of Millfield School, Street. Devoted mother of Jacqueline and the late Jillian, sdored by her grandchildren Funeral Service at Wells Cathedral on Monday, November 23rd at 11.00am. Privato cremation. Enquiries and if desired donations for Alzheimer's Disease Society c/o Forsey and Son, 28 High Street, Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset, BAB 85Y.

NEWALL - On November 14th 1993, peacafully, Frederic Lionel, beloved husband of Elizabeth, much loved fother of Sue, Bridget, Robert and Charles, grandfather of Robert, Josephine, Rohalse, Thomas, Philip, Medissa and Joseph and great-grandfather of Albert, Funeral at St Michael and All Angels, Albert, Fuperal at 5t Michael and All Angels, Michael and All Angels, Askerswell, Dorset, Monday 23rd November 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London Wiln 4AR.

NUTT - On 12th Nove 1998 suddenly at her beme in Yorkshire, formerly of Lusaka and St John's Wood, London, Edeltrand Wood, London, Edettrand Rosa dearly loved mother and grandmother and friend of many. Service at Criggiestons Crematorium of Wednesday 25th November at 2.30. Family oo wemescay 25th November at 2.30, Family Bowers only please, but donations if desired to the RSPCA, c/o lan Hammerton, Funeral Directors, 217A Wekefield Road, Barmsley, Tel: 01225 283753.

OATES - On November 16th, peacefully at Heathmount Nursing Home, Rake. Kenneth Anthony a much loved father of Jeremy and Elizabeth and devoted grandfather to John, Louise, Victoria, Rebecca, Katie and Emma. Funeral at St. Marya Church, Buriton oo Friday November 20th at 2.30pm. No Bowers but donations if desired to N.S.P.C.C. all annularies to Funeral Services (Petersfield) Ltd. Tel: 01730 262711

PANICHURST - Dorothy Inée Turner) of Overton, Hampshire. Beloved wife of Kenneth, mother of Janet While and sister of Evelyn Pond, died pencefully en November 11th 1998.

Crematorium, to which all family and friends are respectively invited.

EDDE - Robert Allan, Freeman of the City of London, Late Chairma P.R.I., previously member of The Central Electricity of The Central Electricity
Generating Board, passes
sway suddenly aged 77
years, 11th November
1998. Retained with Hene
beloved father of Barbara
brother of Irene. Funeral
Service on Friday
November 20th 1998.
2.30pm, Southampton
Crematorium East Chape
No flowers please,
danstions to the Magpie
Scanner Appeal may be
sent to B. Matthews
Funeral Directors, 2 The Funeral Directors, 2 The Broadway, Winchester. Tel: 01962 843181. Anyone wishing to attend funeral please cootact Carole Penfold on 01862 826224.

SMYTH - Joyce inde Creagh-Oeborne; on Thursday November 12th aged 95 years, quichly and with dignity at Doddington Lodge Residential Home. Much loved mother of Juna and Patrick, grandmother, Funeral Service will be hold at St Mary's Church, Hoposay, near Creven Arms on Saturday November 21st at 11,30 am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Doddington Lodge Residential Home. All caquirles to A Hoskims & Sons, Ludlow, (01584) . 872048/890275. ST2048/890275.

STARTHE - Alan, died pescefully in hospital on 12th November. He was dearly loved by his widow Jose sod three children, Judith, Jonathan and Ponelope, Funeral Service at Guiddiord Crematorium

11th 1998.

PEARMAIN - At home in Bridge of Alian on 13th November 1998 John iformerly of Ingatestope), beloved husband of Margaret and father of Ian and Shona, family flowers only Please donations if so desired to Central London YMCA. Funeral Service on Friday 20th November at Holy Trinity Church Bridge of Alian at 10.00 am and thereafter to Falkirk Crematorium, to which all

STENHOUSE On 12th November 1998 after a short illness Geoffrey Newton egod 90 years.
Loving husband of the late
Joan Poppy and much
loved father of Katy,
Julian, Helen, Anne and

Julian, Helen, Anne and jovingly supportive grandlather of Sophie, Jo. Tom, Amy, Miranda, Lewis and Emily. Funeral service at Golders Green Cremstorium (East Chapel) on Friday 20th November at 2.15pm. All enquiries to Bracher Brothers F/D, Gillingham. Brothers F/D. Gillingham Dorset, Tel: 01747 822494

STEPHENSON - Gilbert
Lawrence OBE on 15th
November 1998, Beloved
husband of Eleacor, fother
of Carolins and Joanna,
grand-father of
Alexander, Edward, Emily
and Dilvin. Service of
Thankagiving at All Salots'
Church, Great Chesterford
on Friday 20th November
at 2.30. No flowers please,
Donations if wished to Tha
Alzheitners' Society, 12
Stortford Road, Great
Dunmow CM6 1DA.

STOKES - Dennia Wilfrid
(Bill's aged 87 suddenly hut
peacefully at the end on
the morning of November
14th 1998 of The Royal
Berkshire Hospital. Much
loved hushaed of Blosom
and Jother of Ann and Jim,
fathar-in-law of Peter and
grandiather of Justin. Ben,
Jane, Jonny, Anoelle and
Dily. He will be greatly
missed by oil who knew
him. Funeral service on
Friday November 20th ot
1.30pm at Reading
Crematorium. Henley
Road, Caveraham. Family
flowers only hut donations
if desired to British Heart
Foundation c/o Cyril H
Lovegrove, Tilehurst,
Reading.

STONE - Professor Howard
David Lindsay, MA(Oxoa),
PhD, died on 12th
November: Beloved
hushand of Clarisse, son of
Rufa and Dennis, hrother
of Kevin. Susan and
Christine. Funeral Servica
at Princeton University
Chapel on 18th November.

THACKER - Becant Shiviji Thacker of Dhanbad, India, on November 13th 1998, peacefully at his home in Harrow after o aborte in Harrow after of ahort illness. Dearly loved busband of Kiran, beloved father of Muskan and Nukul. Sadly missed by all his friends and family. Funeral on Saturday 21st November, at 12 noon, in Golders Green Crematorium. No flowers. Please send donations to MacMillan Cancer Fund, Harrow.

Harrow.

TRAYLEN - Edgar, died peacefully on 12th November, aged 97, after a long illness. Beloved husband of Mary. A much loved brother, father, grandfather and greatgrandfather. Funeral on Thursday 19th November at 11.30mm at All Saints' Church, Rotherfield Peppard, Friends welcome. Family flowers me. Family flowers

welcome. Family flowers
TUDEN - Barbara on 14th
November aged 84
suddenly at her home at
Tisbury Wiltshire.
formerly of Clapham. Dear
sister of Daisy Shallcross.
Betty Morgan and the late
Kitty Michaelson, loving
ount and great-sunt to her
sisters three families.
Friend to many Young
Farmers world-wide.
Funeral of Salisbury
Crematerium 11.00am,
Mooday 23rd November.
Donations to The Stroke
Association c/o Carls
White Funeral Director, 43
Rusself Street, Wilton,
Selisbury.
WADDELL - J.K. Lleck). Selectry.

WADDELL - J.K. (lack).
peacefully at St. Michael's
Hospital, Braintree on
12th November . 1996.
Schoolmaster and dearly
loved brother of David.
Funeral service 2.00pm.
Parish Church, Felsted,
Essex oo Tuesday 24th
November. Family flowers
only, donations if desired
to Friends of Aldenham
School, Eistree.

or rience of Aidenham School, Eistree, Hertfordshire, Thankugiving Service at Aldenham School, 2.00pm. 20th March, 1999. WELLS-PESTELL - Holly Erin. Born 14th November 1943. sorn 14th November 1943 died Alicante, Spain, 11th November 1998, Greetly loved wife of Philip, mother of Rachel and Mark, grandmother of Michael and Max, and mothers in love 1988. Michael and Mex, and mother-in-law of Francis and Karen. An Inspired and inspiring teacher. All enquiries to Christopher Stringer Funeral Services. Rottingdeen. Tel: 01273-308000

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Edwige Femillère, French actress. died in Paris on November 13 aged 91. She was born at Vesoul,

Haute-Saone, oa

October 29, 1907.

dwige Feuillère was generally considered to be the greatest Romanic actress of the mid-dle years of the century. British critics immediately recognised her as such on her first appearance in London, at the old St James's, in the Renaud-Barrault company, under the management of Laurence Olivier, in Paul Claudel's Partage de midi, in 1951. Their judgment was confirmed by her appearances in London (and at the Edinburgh Festival) over the next ten years. Their French colleagues were surprised by the British verdict, just as their predecessors had been affronted by the high estimate that London placed on the young Sarah Bernhardt. But they quickly came in both cases to

accept the London valuation.

Brought up a strict Protestant.

Edwige Feuillère achieved her highest success in that profoundly Catholic play by Claudel. With her mellifluous voice, her supple and voluptuous wearing of Edwardian costume, her keen intelligence, and languorous beauty, she was fascinated by drama which, like Claudel's, and Giraudoux's Pour Lucrèce, showed a woman enslaving a man to the point of spiritual damnation. Her litany of love with Barrault in Partage de midi — Barrault's hands flickering round but never actually touching her body, as they intoned antiphonies of passion as if in some religious incantacion — was erotic to the edge of blasphemy.

She was herself a woman of deep

infatuations, on one occasion without warning deserting the company of Cocteau's L'Aigle d deux têtes in the late 1940s to run away with an admirer she had never seen before he called in at her dressing room to congratulate her on her performance.

French theatrical gossip writers are notorious for their pertinacity, but no hint of this aspect of Feuillère's character ever reached the public. Aloof, utterly private — emerging as if from a cloister to appear on the stage regal and remote — she remained to the end of her long career "la reine de la scène". Her idol was Queen Mary. Her apartment overlooking the Champ de Mars was crowded with

EDWIGE FEUILLERE

and bibelots of every kind recalling the highly stylised widow of George V. She was generous and magnanimous to everyone, except Vivien Leigh. After seeing her in Titus Andronicus, she wonderingly asked an English friend. "Does London really think that Vivien

Leigh is an actress?"

Born Caroline Cunati, she was the daughter of a French mother and an Italian father. As a girl she played the organ in the Protestant church in Dijon. On receiving her first prize at the Paris Conservatoire, she was bitterly discouraged to hear someone say "Réjane was ugly. 100". This remark haunted her all her life and made her preoccupied with beauty: its essence, its effects, its evanescence, its necessity, and its disappearance in old age, the approach of which she dreaded.

In her sixties she surrendered to old age so far as to play in Giraudoux's La Folle de Chaillot. As she peered into the mirror after removing her hideous make-up after the first performance, she said wistfully: "Pour la première fois de ma vie, je me trouvais vraiment belle." The unknown spectator's casual remark was in fact the inspiration of Feuillère's work.

She married a young actor. Pierre Feuillère, who aspired to make the name of Feuillère famous. When it was his wife who accomplished this, they were divorced, but he generously allowed her to retain her married name, which was not then the custom in France. He soon afterwards committed suicide, but this affected Feuillère less than the unjust comment on her looks.

After a brief period at the Comédie Française, she appeared in a musical comedy, Les Aventures de la Reine Pausole, but it was in such films as Lucrèce Borgia (1936), Sans Lendemain and La Duchesse de Langeais (1942). when she first showed the demonic power which could drive men to frenzy ("I love to play monsters," she said), that she achieved her celebrity. This pre-pared her for the stage, and for Sodome et Gomorrhe (1943), L'Aigle d deux têtes, Phèdre, La Dame aux camélias, and

above all, Partage de midi. She published a volume of memoirs in 1977, and in 1992 enchanted audiences in Nantes and Paris with a one-woman show called Edwige Feuillère en scène, in which she combined excerpts from some of her great roles with reminiscences of her theatrical career. She was a Grand Officier of the photographs: portraits, mementoes Légion d'honneur.



Edwige Feuillère was regarded by the British critics as the epitome of Romanticism — initially to the surprise of their French counterparts

LAURENCE GANDAR

Laurence Gandar, former Editor of the Rand Daily Mail in Johannesburg and campaigner against apartheid, died on

November 14, aged 83. He was born in Durban on January 25, 1915.

ONE of the first directives issued by Laurie Gandar after he became Editor of the Rand Daily Mail in Johannesburg in 1957 was that the majority of people who inhabited South Africa should not be described as natives. They should, he ruled, be identified as Africans.

This did not go down well with the editorial staff of the RDM, as it was known until it was closed by its owners in the early 1980s, or with its readers, who were mainly English-speaking South Africans. There was no conception within either group that the label — the accepted colonial description of anybody who was not white and who had died anonymously in a goldmine accident or had been involved in any other sort of newsworthy event - could be derogatory. Gandar did his best to change that. He had returned to South Africa after serving in the Second World War as an intelligence officer in North Africa and Italy with a passionate hatred of tyranny in any form. His appointment as Editor came less than a decade after the Afrikaanerdominated National Party had swept into power and while it was busily introducing the apartheid legislation.

The Rand Daily Mail was founded in 1902, and its first Editor was Edgar Wallace, who lasted ten months, in which he managed to spend all the proprietor's money before he wrote "finis" on his blotter and sailed to London for fame and fortune.

Wallace was flamboyant and extravagant. Gandar ascetic and reserved, but both insisted on complete editorial independence. This Gandar interpreted as the freedom to support the Progressive Party, now the Democratic Party, which was formed in 1959 by a group of liberals frustrated by the acquiescence of Jan Smuts's United Party in the nationalists' racial policies.

To some of its critics Gandar was a man before his time. His editorials warned the white South African establishment that, as well as being morally indefensible, apartheid was economically un-sound. He argued that they would have to choose between political separation and its economic consequences, and economic integration that would demand huge political



sacrifices and lead eventually to majority rule. It took 20 years for his message to be accepted.

But in addition to being a tireless crusader, Gandar was a very good newspaper man. He brought together a team of able and dedicated reporters and established the first investigative unit in South African daily journalism, modelled on the Insight approach developed by Harold Evans at The Sunday Times in London.

The unit concentrated on exposing in detail the consequences of the Government's social engineering, such as the forced removal of hundreds of thousands of black people from designated white-only areas, where they had lived for generations, to impoverished

"Bantustan" homelands. This reporting enraged the authorities and increasingly infuri-ated the board of directors, but the paper's reputation for fearless journalism was spreading beyond South Africa.

For Gandar the climax came in 1965 with a series of articles about the inhuman treatment of blacks in South African prisons, based on sworn statements made by former convicts to lawyers. The night before the first of the articles was to be run, Gandar was told by his night editor that the prison authorities would prosecute if it appeared. He hardly paused before saying quietly, "Well, then, I suppose we had better go ahead and publish."

The outcome was an international outcry that forced the Government to submit to surveillance of the prison system and to improve condi-dons drastically. Gandar and the reporter who had written the exposure were prosecuted and, after an eight-month trial, convicted of failing sufficiently to verify the truth. The board of directors, citing falling circulation and advertising revenue, stepped in and Gandar was fired.

The paper's staff protested that this was a political decision under pressure from the Government, and he was reinstated as Editor-in-Chief, but three years later, a somewhat disillusioned man, he retired.

Laurence Owen Vine Gandar was born in Durban and graduated from the University of Natal. During his career the American Newspaper Publishers Association awarded him a citation for his dedication to human rights, and he was given honorary doctorates by Witwatersrand University in Johannesburg and the University of Natal. His wife, Isobel, died in 1989

and their only son, Mark, died suddenly four months ago aged 48. Gandar, who had been increasingly stricken by Parkinson's disease, is survived by a grandson.

opponents. Nothing Ture could say from such a base

could carry any conviction to American blacks, and after

Sékou Touré's death in 1984 he

was even briefly imprisoned

by the new regime. Until the

day he died. It was his habi naively to answer the phone

with his slogan "Ready for the

revolution". But the main

stream of the revolution to

which he had made his brief, if

STOKELY CARMICHAEL

Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Ture). American civil rights leader, died of cancer in Conakry, Guinea, ou

November 15 aged 57. He was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, on June 29, 1941.

ALTHOUGH he changed his name in 1968 to Kwame Ture. in honour of two black African leaders he admired, Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana and Guinea's Ahmed Sekou Toure, the man who coined the term Black Power will be remembered under the name that brought him to fame, Stokely Carmichael. He had begun his active career in protest against civil rights abuses as a member of the Student Non-violent Committee Co-ordinating (SNCC) in the 1960s, but his experiences in the states of the American South soon caused him to change his tune.

In Lowndes County, Alabama, in the early 1960s he had been proud of such non-violent achievements as the raising of the number of registered black voters from a paltry 70 to 2,600. But by 1966,

when he was elected chairman of SNCC, he had become impatient with what he saw as the modest gains of non-violent protest against civil rights abuses and the apparent indifference of a white-controlled legislature to brutal acts committed against non-violent black protesters by the police. On June 16, 1966, in Green-

wood. Mississippi, he first enunciated his doctrine of Black Power, calculated to appeal to militant young blacks who had been left leaderiess by the assassina-

tion, 18 months previously, of Malcolm X. The catalyst was the shooting and wounding of James Meredith, the first black American to be admitted to the University of Mississippi. Under Carmichael the itself against moderation and co-operation with the white authorities, and turned its back on the patient process of integration which exemplified the achievement of Martin Luther King. It soon became a war cry on the lips of the

But the separatism which the notion of Black Power seemed to imply alarmed the older members of the civil rights movement — and split it. Whites sympathetic to black aspirations were also alienated. In Britain under a Labour Government, the liberal-minded Home Secretary Roy Jenkins banned Carmichael from entering the country. Martin Luther King himself described the Black Power manifesto as an unfortunate choice of words" and other equally moderate civil rights leaders saw it as a ranging of race against race.

In his book Black Power. co-written with Charles Hamilton in 1967, Carmichael sought to define the aims of the movement as merely "a call for black people in this country to recognise their heritage, to build a sense of community . . . to define their own goals . . ." But the effect of his increasingly inflammatory speeches (and he was an electrifying orator) was to foment civil unrest. And as riots flared in several cities. the senior civil rights leaders became increasingly critical of him and his aims. The SNCC disowned him and he was given an honorary post by the militant Black Panthers. He soon professed to find even them insufficiently radical and in 1969 he moved to Africa.

But his hour was over. Pragmatic Africa, many of whose leaders had a highly dubious record on civil rights, remained largely indifferent to him. Historians of the civil rights movement in America were soon comparing his utterances and achievements as a militant radical unfavourably with those of the dead Malcolm X. For the last thirty years Carmichael (Ture as he by then was) seemed an anachronism, totally sidelined

and clinging, in defiance of the tangible evidence, to the notion of a cleansing pan-African revolution.

Although born in Jamaica,

in 1952 Stokely Carmichael followed his parents to New York. A bright child, he was educated at Bronx High School and then at Howard University. Washington, where he read philosophy. At neither institution had he shown any inclination to-wards black radicalism, but soon after graduating he be-gan his education in civil rights protest.

In 1961 he was a member of the Freedom Ride organised by the Congress of Racial in the South. Then came his meteoric rise to notice through the SNCC and his association with the Black Panthers. For a period of three or four years his name ranked with those of Malcolm X and Eldridge Cleaver in its power over the consciousness of young

Equality to desegregate buses

But his departure to Africa eroded his influence. Guinea. where he settled, was, under the stewardship of his hero, the arbitrary and cruel autocrat Sékou Touré, hardly a model of how black men should behave to each other. with its systematised persecution and torture of political

explosive, contribution had, in truth, long passed him by. His two marriages, one to the South African singer Miriam Makeba, the second to a Guinean doctor, were dissolved. He is survived by two



Carmichael in 1969: his inflammatory oratory moved the hearts and minds of young blacks

PERSONAL COLUMN

DEATHS	IN MEMORIAM -	FOR SALE	FLIGHTS DIRECTORY
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Last night a third Hardy play was presented at the Dorchester Com Exchange by the dramatic section of the local debating society. As Mr. Thomas Hardy was going to see the performance, in the preparation of which he has throughout taken an active interest, the Town Council of "Casterbridge" thought it a good opportunity to carry out their long-con-templated intention of conferring on him the

freedom of the borough. The presentation was made in the Town Hall, above the Corn Exchange. The scroll was enclosed in a silver-gilt casker designed and supplied by Mr. T. Braybrooke, a Dorchester silversmith. The casket, in the Renaissance style, is adorned with Mr. Hardy's monogram and the borough arms enamelled, and also with a list of his principal books engraved on the ends. The following inscription is also engraved on it:- "Presented with the freedom of the Borough of Dorchester to Thomas Hardy, Esq., O.M., Hon. LL.D. (Aberdeen), J.P. (Dorset), poet and

novelist, on November 16, 1910." The Mayor (Mr. C. F. Symes), in making the presentation, said it was a great distinction for Dorchester that Mr. Hardy had consented

ON THIS DAY

November 17, 1910

When the freedom of Dorchester was conferred on the writer Thomas Hardy. he, with his nice sense of irony, remarked that he felt that the freedom of the borough was something he had possessed for a long while, and had helped himself to.

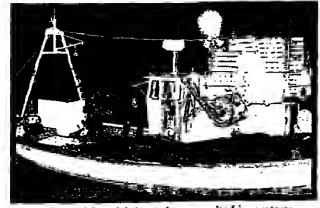
to accept the freedom. On behalf of all Dorchester people, he would say, in the words spoken by Murty, in "The Woodlanders":-If ever I forget your name let me forget home and heaven. But no, I never can forget 'ee, for you was a good man and did good things." (Cheers.)

Mr. Hardy, who was wearing the Order of Merit, said in the course of his reply, - "I may be allowed to confess that the freedom of the Borough of Dorchester did seem to me at first something that I had possessed a long while, had helped myself to (to speak plainly), for

when I consider the liberties I have taken with its ancient walls, streets, and precincts through the medium of the printing press, I feel that I have treated its external features with the hand of freedom indeed. True, it might be urged that my Casterbridge (if I may mention seriously a name coined off-hand in a moment, with no thought of its being Dorchester as it existed 60 years ago, but a dream-place that never was outside an irresponsible book. Nevertheless, when somebody said to me that 'Casterbridge' is a sort of essence of the town as it used to be, 'a place more Dorchester than Dorchester itself 1 could not absolutely contradict him, though could not quite perceive it.
"But let me say no more about my own

doings. The chronicle of the town has vivid marks on it. Not to go back to events of national importance, lurid scenes have been enacted here within living memory, or not so many years beyond it, whippings in front of the town pump, hangings on the gool roof. I myself saw a woman hanged not 100 yards from where we now stand, and I saw, too, a man in the stocks in the back part of this very building. Then, if one were to recount the election excitements, Free Trade riots, scenes of soldiers marching down the town to war, the proclamation of Sovereigns now crumbled to dust, it would be an interesting local story."

Michael Knipe reports on Gibraltar's drive for full self-government and some fishy goings-on in British waters



Actions of Spanish boats have resulted in protests

Anglo-Spanish accord caught in fishing row

boats in British waters off Gibraltar is exacerbating the problems at the land frontier and threatening to derait British and Spanish government efforts to improve bilateral relations through a prime ministerial meeting in the spring.

Spanish fishing boats have been entering the Bay of Gi-braltar in larger boats and greater numbers this year. They are fishing with nets and rakes, which contravenes Gibraltar's fish conservation regulations, and are refusing to move on when asked by the Royal Gibraltar Police.

Sir Richard Luce, the Governor of Gibraltar, who, under its Constitution, retains responsibility for defence and law and order, expressed concern that the situation could escalate into violence and said London had protested strongly to Madrid over

Sir Richard has described the actions as provocative and intimidating. "This represents an unacceptable challenge to Brirish jurisdiction and control of our waters," he says.

In what seems to be concerted action, Spanish customs of-ficials and police at the land frontier have been checking passports particularly slowly recently, causing queues of more than three hours for motor traffic and up to 90 min-utes for pedestrians. The Governor says the slow proce-dures were clearly deliberate and that "the people in the queues, many of them elderly,

were being treated like cattle".

On a recent frontier crossing. Sir Richard said that he had witnessed intolerable harassment from the Spanish Government. He felt deeply angry at what were disgraceful scenes: This is not the kind of treatment of human beings that we should expect to see in the European Union among civilised democratic countries." It was "a deli-berate flouring of the spirit of the law concerning free move-ment within the European

The fishing incidents were among issues discussed by Tony Blair Jose Maria Aznar, Spain's Prime Minister, when they met this month. They agreed that both Governments wanted a return to the situation that prevailed until this year, when there were far fewer incursions and the fishermen moved out of the bay when asked to do so by police.

Sir Richard said the meeting had made it clear to everyone concerned that Gibraitar's laws, not Spain's, apply throughout British around the Rock.

Bound for a modernised link with Britain

pecific proposals for changes to Gibraltar's Constitution, igned to end its 294-yearold colonial status, are under discussion between the Gibraltar Government and the Foreign Office. This will be the most significant

constitutional development for Gibraltar since the introduction of a written Consolution 30 years ago with which the British Parliament established Gibraltar's Legistative Council and House of Assembly and gave it domestic self-government.

A joint working party of three Gibraltarians and three Foreign Office officials met in October 10 hammer out the details. Another meeting is due to take place later this month and Peter Caruana. Gibral-

month and Peter Caruana, Gibraltar's Chief Minister, is hoping to conclude this phase of the process by the end of the year. "We have put together detailed ideas of how we would like our Consotution modernised while preserving Bridsh sovereignty, as Gibraltarians are keen to do." Mr Caruana says.

"The joint working party is going through them to see what the disnance is between us in terms of what we want and what the UK may be willing to give. This is a preliminary step, and as soon as it is concluded, the next stage will be to widen the consultation process by convening a se-lect committee of the Gibraltar Parliament. This will not just consider the Government's proposals, hut will also take evidence and opinions from the widest possible cross-section of the community in the hope that a consensus view will emerge that we can then put to the British Government."

The resulong document will be put to the people in a referendum which. he says, would meet UN requirements on self-determination. There would be no breach of the Treaty of Utrecht, under which Spain ceded its sovereignty of Gibraltar to Britain in 1713.

"In our view," Mr Caruana says, "this would end the colonial status of Gibraltar and constitute a tailor-made fourth option to decolonisation provided for in the relevant UN resoudon on decolonisation."

While Mr Caruana hopes that this will darify Gihraltar's status internationally, he does not expect it to put an end to Spain's claim to sovereign-

ty over Gibraltar. He believes that the Bridsh Government should adopt a much tougher stand against Ma-drid, which he says is leading a cam-

paign of pressure and harassment against Gibraltar's inhabitants. Spanish frontier guards persistently subject traffic across the land fron-oer to delays. Maritime and air links between Gibraltar and Spain are still blocked, Gibraltar's telephone com-munications are heavily restricted and Gibraharians are often discouraged from participating in interna-

Britain's present policy of not en-gaging or calling Spain sufficiently to account is ineffectual and counterproductive," says Mr Caruana. "It encourages a Spanish hard line since Madrid knows that it can pursue this policy with impunity.

"Spain will not moderate its acoons until Britain begins to exercise leverage. If no one calls the country to book about it, then it will continue to

The UK and, indeed, other member states that also have responsibilities in this respect should insist that Spain does not engage in such un-European measures. It cannot get out of its obligations under the Treaty of Rome simply because it has a historical claim to sovereignty over Gibral-iar. Yet the European member states are allowing Madrid to get away with precisely that attitude."

r Caruana says that Britain and European member states should make it clear to Madrid that there is a price to pay for adopting such obstructive policies. Britain should use selective accon against Spain for its "unhelpful, obstructive and un-European attitude towards Gibraltar". He insists that is is Britain's constitutional, political and moral obligation to uphold and defend Gibraltar's legal rights and le-

gitimate aspiradons.

Mr Caruana says that the Foreign
Office has facilitated the meetings of
the working parties and is not impeding the Gibraltar Government's proposals, so long as they do not transgress the 1713 treaty. Under its terms. Spain ceded sovereignty over the Rock to Britain in perpetuity and Britain agreed to offer Gibraltar to



'Britain should make it clear to Spain that there is a price to pay for its unhelpful and obstructive attitude towards Gibraltar'

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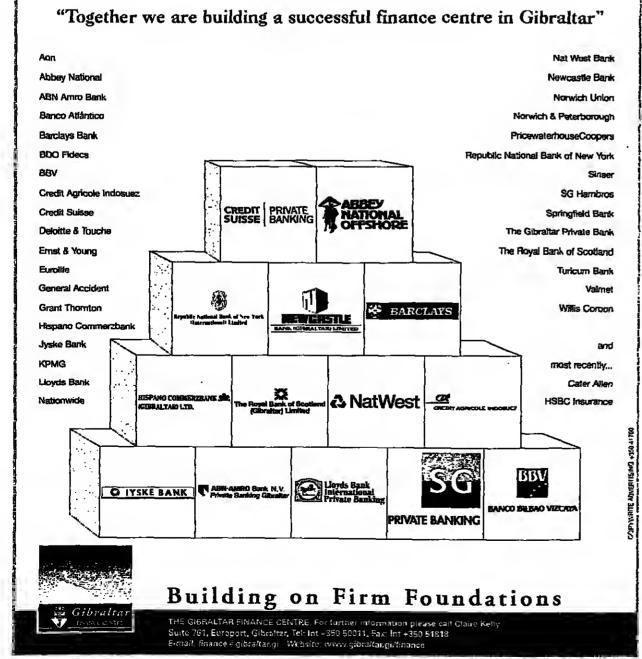
Spain should it ever wish to relinquish sovereignty. It is a promise successive governments in Madrid have kept close to their hearts while flouting the terms of the treaty. Mr Caruana concedes that there

has been some concern at the Foreign Office over how Spain would react to the constitutional changes that are being planned. Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, has reassured him on this. "I drew encouragement from that."



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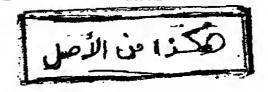
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Michael Knipe on Gibraltar's plans to be a lucrative business hub between southwest Europe and North Africa

or 30,000 people living on a plot of land not much bigger than Hyde Park, Gibraltar ians have made remarkable strides in the 16 years that have elapsed since the ending of Gibraltar's role as a mili-tary garrison and Royal Navy

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Tourists from cruise liners and thousands of shoppers from across the frontier with Spain still throng the central part of Main Street, the curious blend of British high street and Mediterranean bazaar. and Mediterranean bazaar, where English-style pubs and fish and chip shops abound. And "Llanito", a form of Spanish, reverberates around the buildings now that motorised traffic has been banished.

In the past few years the Rock has revitalised its economy and shed its reputation as a centre for drug-smuggling and money-laundering. Its well-regulated and supervised activities as a financial centre have been held up by the British authorities as a benchmark for offshore probity.
With no obvious resources

other than its strategic location, the community has managed to become self-sufficient, requiring no budgetary contri-butions from Britain. There are about 20,000 Gibraltarians descended from Genoese. Maltese, Spanish, Portuguese, Minorcan and Sephardic Jews who settled on the Rock after an Anglo-Dutch force captured it in 1704. Only about 100 Spaniards stayed on. Today Gibraltar's port has

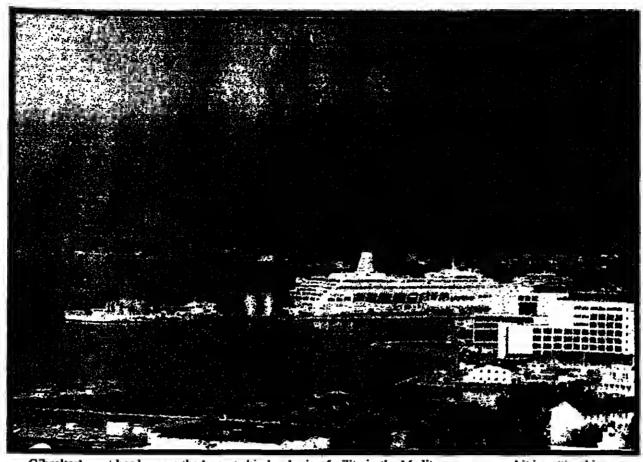
become the largest ship-bunkering facility in the Mediterranean. The Gibunko Group, which owns and operates a fleet of dedicated bunker-supply vessels, delivers more than 25 million tonnes of bunker fuels to more than 3,500 ships a vear - more than two thirds of the Gibraltar market - comnared with the 250,000 tonnes it delivered ten years ago. The number of merchant vessels calling at the port is expected to be more than 5,500 this year, compared with 3,700 last year.

To provide the necessary commercial space within the port to expand the range of services. £10 million has been earmarked for reclamation work to lengthen a jetty and to reclaim more land between some existing berths.

Joe Holliday, the Minister of Tourism, says: "Gibraltar is on a straight line between the Americas and Suez Canal, so

s the fund

The Rock's on an economic roll



Gibraltar's port has become the largest ship-bunkering facility in the Mediterranean — and it is getting bigger

it is well placed to become a hub for southwest Europe and North Africa."

The privatised dockyard. now owned and operated by Cammell Laird, is doubling its workforce this year. A £3 milbon wine bottling plant, said to be the most modern in Europe, opened last summer, and in the new year Gibraltar will become host to three telecommunications satellite ground stations servicing

Asia, Africa and Europe, which will bring big licensing fees, as well as new jobs in telecommunications. As for the tourism and financial services sectors, they are going from strength to strength. Per capita income is £11,623 and the Gibraltar Government expects to make a budgetary surplus of £12 million to £15 million this year.

Paul Canessa, the telecommunications regulator desig-nate, says the attractions of Gibraltar for the satellite stations were not only its location, but also its favourable tax regime and English-based legal jurisdiction.

In the financial services sector there is some concern over the eventual impact of European Union and Organisation and

Economic Co-operation Development codes aimed at curbing what is re-garded as harmful tax competi-

Murcia took part fully in the proceedings, despite Madrid's claim to Gibraltar's sovereigntion. But the Government is conducting a complete review and restructure of its taxation and public finance regulations ty. The aim was to launch a reto ensure that the tax system gional grouping to develop economic links between south-west Europe and northwest Afdoes not fall foul of the codes. Beyond that, many Gibraltarians see the Rock's economrica. Called the West Mediterranean Economic Forum, it inic future being more broadly based on its developing role as cludes Morocco, Tunisia and Malta, as well as Gibraltar

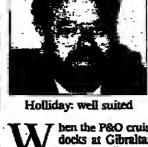
a financial, communications and administrative entrepôt at and the two Spanish regions. the heart of an embryonic west-Mr Montegriffo says: "It is ern Mediterranean region an initiative we want to expand. We are moving towards In a rare display of political co-operation, Peter Montegriftrying to consolidate the effo, the Minister for Trade and forts of the forum by getting Industry, hosted a funch in Brussels last month at which

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Tourism's future lies in cruise control

ben the P&O cruise liner Victoria docks at Gibraltar at the end of her Mediterranean summer cruise season later this month and her 714 passengers disembark, to be replaced by a further 714 setting off for the first of the ship's winter Caribbean cruises, it will be the first time for many years that Gibraltar has acted as a cruise line terminus. It is unlikely

to be the last.

The Gibraltar Government has spent E600,000 converting a derelict warehouse oo the western arm of the port into a state-of-the art cruise terminal, with 1,400ft in quay space. There is provision to expand the building to cater for the extensive baggage handling, check-in facilities and security arrangements that will be required for large-scale flight-and-cruise operations. Several American cruise line companies

have expressed an interest in using the Rock as a terminus, says Tony Davis, the chief executive of the Gibraltar Tourism Board. He is setting off next week for the United States to discuss the possibilities further.

"Gibraltar is particularly well suited to be developed in this way," says Joe Holliday, the Minister of Tourism, who is also responsible for the development of the port. "It is only two-and-half hours' flying time from London, the air and sea ports are close to each other and there can be few places that offer such a choice of attractions to people wishing to spend a few days ashore be-fore or after a cruise."

The promotioo of Gibraltar's potential as a luxury cruise terminus is the latest stage in the Government's plan to upgrade Gibraltar's tourism profile after years as a garrisoo

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join the initiative. He says: "Gi-braltar is prepared to put up 50 per cent of the costs under-

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and dockyard facility. It is now beginning to reap the benefits of substantial investment. The number of cruise ships calling at Gibraltar has risen from 99 last year to more than 140 this year, says George Gaggero, the chairman of the Gibraltar Shipping Association and deputy chairman of MH Bland, a shipping and tourism company. For next year, he says, there are already 165 visits ooked by cruise liners.

Four main tourism sectors are oow being specifically targeted by the Government cruise liners, ocean-going yachting, and the short-break and conference markets. Niche markets such as diving and birdwatching are also being carefully cultivated.

More than six million people will have visited the Rock this year - up by a million since 1995. A big attraction for many of the day visitors from across the frontier is the VAT-free shopping but the Government is now promoting the Rock's potential in the UK and Spain as a short-break destination.

More than £5 million has been spent, in a mixture of grants and soft loans, matched by the investment of private money, on refurbishing and modernising hotels and devel-oping conference facilities. The Rock has .200 visitors' beds and occupancy rates are rising. Another £2.5 million is being spent on renovating and pedestrianising Main Street and the narrow lanes surrounding it.

We have much to offer as a short-break conference centre," says James Gaggero, George Gaggero's cousin and deputy chairman of GB Airways, which is now a BA fran-chise. 'This inclodes access to some of Europe's top golf courses within a 15-mile radius."



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Court of Appeal Deferring order is sentence

Regina v Jones

Before Lord Bingham, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Maurice Kay and Mr Justice Thomas [Judgment November 4]

An order deferring sentence made in the crown court was a "sentence" within the scope of section 36 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 and accordingly might be the sub-ject of application by the Attorney-General to refer it to the Court of Appeal as being unduly lenient.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held when (ii) grant-ing leave to the Attorney-General to refer an order, made by Mr Re-corder A. J. Seys Llewellyn, at Cardiff Crown Court, deferring sentence for six months on L. now aged 16, in respect of an offence, in-(ii) substituting a senience of eight months detention in a young of-

In the case of L's co-defendant, William Jones, now aged 18, the court also granted the Attorney-General leave to refer sentences imposed on the same occasion and totalling 31: years detention under section 53 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 for offences, including wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm contra-ry to section 18 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861. The court quashed the sentence and substituted an order of detention for four years under the 1933 Act.

Mr David Perry for the Anor-ney-General: Mr Hilary Roberts for L; Miss Beverley Cripps for THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE.

giving the judgment of the court, said that in Attorney-General's Ref-

Bewry v Cumbria County

Before Lord Justice Peter Gibson

The fact that a litigant represent

before initiating a claim did not

preclude a court from categorising

is pursuit of that claim as frivo-

The Court of Appeal so held

when refusing an application by Raymond Russell Bewry for leave

to appeal out of time against the

peal Tribunal on December 10,

1997, of his appeal from the refusal

of an industrial tribunal sitting at

sal by the Employment Ap-

and Lord Justice Thorpe

Judgment November 2

lous and vexatious.

([1994] I All ER 105) the Court of Ap-peal had ruled that an order deferin the scope of section 36 of the 1988 sion had now been questioned.

His Lordship referred, inter alia. to the power to make such an order provided by section I of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973, to section 36 of the 1988 Act and to section 50 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 which defined "sentence" as any order made by a court when dealing with an offend-er, a definition incorporated for nt purposes into the relevant part of the 1988 Act.

His Lordship said that at first blush it was an affront to common sense that a court should be held to be passing sentence when it was expressly and deliberately making a decision to defer sentence to a date ture: see section I of 1973 Act. The force of that point was bow-

ever undermined by consideration of what in reality happened when a court did defer sentence; that the might relate to reparation, the voluntary undergoing of treatment, employment, abstention from criminal activity or any other matter. The clear understanding was that if the defendant complied with

those conditions he would not be

sentenced to custody on the date to

which sentence was deferred: see R v George (1984) I WLR 1982).
Thus although the court when deferring sentence had made and announced a decision not to pass sentence on that occasion, it had in practice committed itself to a sentencing strategy any departure from which, in breach of the understanding indicated, would found a successful appeal by the defend-

Legal advice no defence to

Section I of the 1973 Act ap-peared to draw a distinction be-tween the court which deferred sen-tence and that which dealt with the defendant by imposing sentence, and that was of obvious relevance in the present context, given the def-inition of "sentence" in section 50(1) of the 1968 Act

However, it would not seem that "deal with" was used with great precision, nor was it a term of art. It was perhaps to be inferred that provisional orders were not intended to be the subject of applica-tions under section 36, but the statutory language did not yield a clear answer to the present ques-

ring sentence might either be the subject of appeal under section 50 of the 1968 Act and of an applica-tion under section 36 of the 1988 Act or neither, since the definition in section 50 governed in each case. It would be surprising if a de-fendant who had been the subject of such an order in the crown court were denied a right of appeal

The incidence of such appeals would be likely to be small, since the power conferred by section I of the 1973 Act might only be exer-cised if the offender consented. A defendant might, however, consent to avoid immediate custody in circurnstances where the threat of such custody should not have been

It would be anomalous if a defendant could not appeal against the making of such an order and if his only right arose when he was ntenced on the date to which sentence had been deferred, assuming be had by then complied with the conditions prescribed by the court,

vexatious finding Newcastle on August 19, 1997, to under section 100 of the Employment Rights Act 1996, and that he qualified for interim relief under section 128.

> advice from a solicitor. But the fact that he had received such advice did preclude the tribunal, having regard to the way he had conducted the application in person, finding that the conditions for the application of rule 12 of the Industrial Tribunal (Constitution

Lord Justice Thorpe agreed.

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of the 1988 Act a defendant could ex-pect that, subject to the limited provisions of section 47(2) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 and its prede cessors, a sentence once passed would not be increased.

Any statutory provision affecting the liberty of the subject would ordinarily, in case of ambiguity, be construed in the subject's favour and that would suggest that any doubt about the Attorney-General's right should be resolved against him.

Here, however, the Attorney General's construction was not dis-advantageous to the offender.

If sentence were deferred in a case where it plainly should not have been, it would not be in the offender's interests if the Attorney General were ubliged to wait until the deferment date and, assuming compliance by the offender with sition of a non-custodial penalty before invoking his power to seek leave to refer the sentence imposed

Nor would it promote the public policy plainly underlying section 36 which envisaged the taking of prompt steps by the Attorney-General to seek such leave. The present case was a good example: if 1.'s sentence was to be increased it was bet-ter for him that that should occur sooner rather than later.

The Attorney-General had an additional string to his bow: here L's counsel somewhat reluctantly acquiesced in the course proposed by the recorder, but be did not consent and L never was called on to consent and never did so.

By section 36(2) of the 1988 Act the condition specified in section 36(1), that it should appear to the Atwas unduly lenient might be satis-fied if it appeared to him that the judge had erred in law as to his sen-tencing powers.

Although "sentencing" had to have the same meaning in both subsections it appeared to the present court, as it appeared to the Attorney-General, that the recorder did err in law as to his sentencing powers and it would be strange if the Attorney-General could not take steps to correct the error.
It would also be anomalous if a

defendant could not appeal against an order of deferment made with-out his consent, but that he could only do if section 50 embraced such an order. The court accordingly conclud-

ed that the Attorney-General had power under section 36 to seek to refer an order made in the crown court deferring sentence, and would not therefore depart from Attornev-General's Reference No 22

Solicitors: CPS, HQ; Spiro Grech & Harding Roberts, Cardiff; Lloyd & Rowe, Cardiff.

Regina v Levantiz Before Lord Justice Buxton, Mr Justice Blofeld and Judge Tucker.

(Judgmen: November 5)

A duplications count in an indicament was not void, it was merely in r. The view taken by court in R v Thompson (1914) 2 KB 99), that an appeal complain a duplicitous count would be dis missed if there had been no substantial miscarriage of justice, was still available under the present rule in section 2 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968, as amended by the Criminal Appeal Act 1995, that re-

The Court of Appeal. Criminal Division, so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by Mark Levandz against his convic-tion in June 1997 at Hull Crown Court (District Judge Bullock, sitting as a Recorder, and a jury) of being concerned in supplying a class A controlled drug (heroin) to another, contrary to section 4(3) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, for which he was sentenced to seven

quired the Court of Appeal to ad-dress the matter as one of safety at

He pleaded guilty on the same indictment to possessing a class B drug (cannabis resin) for which he was sentenced to a concurrent term of 28 days and on a second indictment be pleaded guilty to assault occasioning actual bodily

harm for which he was senience to a concurrent term of six months. Mr Charles Salter, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals. for the appellant: Mr Robert A. Stevenson for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE BUXTON, giv ing the judgment of the court, said that their Lordships had assumed. without investigating the matter it detail, that the count alleging that the appellant was concerned in supplying a class A controlled drug to another was indeed duplications. covering as it did discrete acts of supply by a single allegation over a period of time. That, however, was not the end

reason why the form of the count in practice handicapped the presen tation of the defence, or rendered a conviction, recorded after the judge's careful exposition of what the jury had to be satisfied of, un-Mr Salter argued, none the less

of the matter, because there was no

that the appeal had to be alluwed because the count and thus the trial on that count was a nullity. That

irregular, but void. Their Lordships did not agree.

The maner had been addressed in a number of authorities. R v Thompson was an authority which had stood for more than 80 years and which had been followed on a number of occasions.

However, R v Jones (J) ((1974) 59 Cr App R 120), formed the basis of Mr Salier's contention that despite the cases of R v Johnson ([1945]] KB 419), R v Merriman (1973) AC 584), R v Wilmot ((1933) 24 Cr App R 631, R v Molley (1921) 15 Cr Apr R 170) and others, and their no having been overruled or cited in Jones, the modern law was that a conviction founded on a dupliciious count was always unsafe.

Their Lordships did not agree. First, it would be very difficult for the Court of Appeal to decline to follow Thompson on the basis of a case in which Thompson was not even cited, and second, they did not accept that it had decided what he claimed it did. In Jones (J) the court deter-

mined that the judge's failure to re-

quire the amendment of the indictment or to put the Crown to elecoon was, or led to an error of law at the trial.

That was one of the specific grounds for allowing an appeal set out in the now amended section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968. Having found such an error, the court would have had to allow the appeal unless it could apply the

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There was not, however any argument on the possible application of the proviso which was simply not considered, as under the authority of Thompson it should have been, however unpromising such an argument might have been on the facts of Jones.

Those considerations were only reinforced by the rubric for considering appeals under which the Court of Appeal now had to operate, where the amended section 2 omitted any separate reference to mistakes of law and required the court to address the matter as one of safety at large. That formula certainfy demanded that the case he addressed in the terms adopted in

Their Lordships were therefore not persuaded that the law had been altered in the way suggested ply Thompson.

They were satisfied that no injustice or handicap was done to the anpellant by the terms of the count. Solicitor: Crown Prosecution

No implied term on liability

Fairmile Portfolio Management Ltd v Davies Arnold Cooper (a Firm)

Refore Mr Martin Mann, OC [Judgment October 23]

In the absence of an express term, section 28 of the Land Registration Act 1925 would not create an imed term imposing personal liability upon the mortgagor other than in respect of the security where the mortgagor had put up his own property as security for a loan made to another,

Mr Martin Mann, QC, sitting as a deputy Chancery Division judge, so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the defendant firm of solicitors. Davies Arnold Cooper, from a decision of Master Dyson pursuant to Order 14A of the Rules of the Supreme Court, that B, a partner in the firm of GTI Specialists, was not up be taken by reason of section 28(1) of the 1925 Act and the registration of the legal charge dated March 5, 1990 as having covenanted to re-pay the loan made to GTI Specialsts together with interest thereon.

Mr David Unwin, QC, for the laintiff; Mr Andrew Succliffe for the defendants.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the

ner in GTI signed "for and on beplaintiff's claim was for damages alleged to have been caused by the half of GTI. defendants' negligence in carryin The legal charge contained no sonal covenant by the mortpa out due diligence on a portfolio o loans which in 1995 the plaintiff

was considering purchasing from The portfolio contained a debt the GTI loan, owed by a partnership, GTI Specialists, and secured over a registered leasehold proper-ty, the registered proprietors of

thich were two of the partners in GTI, partner A and partner B. There later emerged sufficient doubt as to B's status as a partner that, for this application, the court

was to assume that he was not. By a letter dated March 5, 1990 GTI was both the addressee and borrower under the terms of a facility by which the bank agreed to lend money to GTL Both A and B were signatories to that agreement apparently for and on behalf of GTI. It appeared that the loan was advanced on March 5, 1990, as on that day A and B executed a legal

charge over the security. In the legal charge A and B were ogether stated to be the "mortgagor" and GTI the "borrower". The testimonium showed that A and B signed as principals for the mortgagor whereas A and another part-

or to nay the secured obligations. B was a well known celebrity, and the plaintiff claimed that it was in reliance upon the defendants advising them of B's accountability under the legal charge that it paid 5366 000 for the CTI loan notwithstanding that at that time the security for the loan was worth no more than £125,000.

The defendants claimed that they had not advised the plaintiff incorrectly as, by virtue of section 28(1) of the 1925 Act and the subsequent registration of the legal charge, B had, as one of the mortgagors under the charge, impliedly covenanted to repay the bank the GTI loan and any interest thereon. Rule 140 of the Land Registration Rules 1925 (SR & O 1925 No

"The registration of an instrument of charge negativing or modifying the provisions of sections 28, 29 and 34 of the Act, or any of them, shall for the purposes of those sections be deemed a sufficient negative or contrary entry on

1093 (L28)) provided:

His Lordship was of the opinion

that for the purposes of rule 140 it should be sufficient for the transaction recorded by an instrument of change to be substantially incomnatible with the provisions of sec-

That would be the case where the transaction would not involve a mortgagor in personal liability under the general law, as in the present case, where the mortgagor had put up his own property as se-curity for another and received nothing from the creditor.

Approaching the question purely as one of construction, clauses I and 2 of the legal charge could hardly be more specific: the borrower incurred personal liability whereas the mortgagor incurred none at all save in respect of the se-

If the parties had intended the mortgagors' personal liability to be co-extensive with the borrower's, one would have expected them to so provide, or even to modify the provisions of section 28 to order to reconcile the language of covenant as beyond the express and implied rather than leaving the drafting to statutory shorthand.

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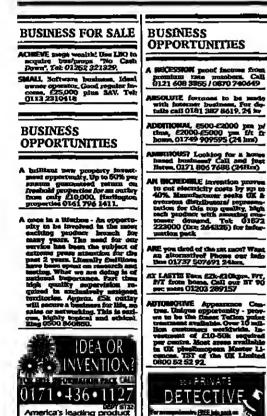
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tion for unfair dismissal against his employer, Cumbria County Council, and awarding the council costs against him on the ground that his pursuit of the application had been frivolous and vexatious. The applicant in person: the council did not appear. LORD JUSTICE PETER GIB-

SON said the applicant, who had been employed as a health and safe-

cial misconduct had been unfair

make an award of interim relief in respect of his claim for compensa-He hotly denied that he had acted frivolously or vexatiously in making his claim, relying on the fact that he had first obtained legal

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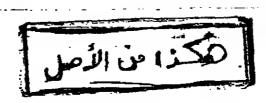
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Advisers wary about US-style company rescues

BY RODNEY HOBSON

PROSPECTS of a Chapter II procedure being introduced in the UK to help struggling comparties to avoid going into liquidaoon have received a lukewarm reception.

Business experts feel that Chapter 11, a provision that allows US companies a moratorium from payment de-mands by creditors, is over-rated and that the UK is already improving its methods of saving companies.

Proposals could be included in the Queen's Speech this month. Peter Mandelson, the Trade and Industry Secretary. told the Commons Trade and Industry Committee that. when parliamentary time allowed, the Government would introduce legislation to allow a company to obtain a stay on creditor actions for up to three months.

Peter Copp. a partner in BDO Stoy Haywood, the busi ness advisers, sums up the general view, saying, "Studies show that Chapter II does not work well. We don't seem to be good at showing people how well our own system works. We are quite successful at saving businesses. Chapter 11 gets a lot of publicity because of high-profile cases such as Braniff Airlines. A relatively small number of companies that go into Chapter II come out of it. It is more cumbersome and costly than our sys-

Tony Houghton, of Kidsons impey, one of the top ten UK chartered accountancy firms and a specialist in ownermanaged businesses, says that only about 5 to 6 per cent of companies entering Chapter 11 subsequently recover.

Scott Barnes, head of corporate rescue for Grant Thornton, also cautions against holding up Chapter II as a shining example of how to rescue struggling companies. He says: You find that many Chapter 11 cases do not work out and



Copp: no fan of Chapter II

the company still slides into liquidation. There is far from general agreement that this is the best way.

"We have got procedures already with administration and company voluntary ar-rangements (CVAs) and these need tweaking rather than going in for a wholesale change that is potentially dangerous."

Rupert Connell, of Hobson Audley Hopkins and Wood, the firm of solicitors, has had experience of Chapter 11 procedures representing an English company that was part of a US group. He says: "I don't think that Chapter II is as effective as it is cracked up to be over here. Chapter II is phenomenally expensive. You can't move without lawyers and court hearings. There is a court hearing for just about everything. In a



"Sorry - I've been told to safeguard my cashflow

way it is better to have an informal arrangement.

"Banks are taking more interest in company voluntary arrangements and that is an encouraging trend. The banks are trying to work these things out with their customers. Even receivership can be expensive and, at the end of the day, the banks are going to be paying

Mr Mandelson indicated in a speech to the British American Chamber of Commerce in New York last month that businessmen with previous fail-ures should not be prevented from taking further risks. Mr Houghton retorts: "This

makes the assumption that it is the bankrupt who has been the risk-taker. In reality, it is the unpaid creditors who have been the risk-takers. As cash gets righter, the business can only go on trading because suppliers allow longer and longer periods of credit. They have no real knowledge of the financial position of their customer and continue to supply on assurances and because they need the business."

Mr Barnes suggests that Mr Mandelson might be thinking of introducing a moratorium provision into the existing CVA arrangements. He says: 'The problem with CVAs is not so much creditors diving in to take the assets, but that the company has simply run out of money. Where is the funding coming from to keep the company going during the moratorium? Who will be in charge? Often it will be the directors who got the company into trouble in the first place. This must not become a rogues' charter."

Mr Connell says that although company failures have started to increase, there are no signs of a return to the dramatic scale of collapses in the late 1980s and early 1990s. But he adds: "Banks are still exposed to the risk that any other creditor may undermine what is being achieved and force the banks to give up on a rescue."



Redundancy leads to triumph for Queen of the Motorbikes

Nash the Queen of the Motorbikes. This month, her motorcycle insurance intermediary business. Carole Nash Insurance Consultants, which claims to be the UK's largest, finally hit a £10 million annual turnover. It has 85,000 policyholders, em-ploys 125 staff and is soon to open an Irish office.

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Mrs Nash's employed ca-reer had been in motor insurance, her last job being with Sentry, the Manchester insurance company, running gener-al motorcycle insurance along-side a vintage motorcycle scheme designed for the Vintage Motor Cycle Club. Finding herself jobless when Sentry shut its Manchester office, Mrs Nash asked it to let her take over the vintage scheme, which she says was "ticking over" with just 500 clients.

Starting out on her kitchen table in 1985, Mrs Nash had little more in the way of busi-

A small firm has built big turnover by listening closely to its insurance clients' needs, Wendy Smith reports

ness assets than a telephone balanced on the window sill, an adding machine and an essential professional indemnity policy, bought for £1,200 with her redundancy money.

"Business started to mush-room quietly," she says. Policyholders liked the fact that I wasn't working from a proper office environment and was there to chat and listen to their needs about their beloved bikes."

Turnover in her first year of trading was £30,000. Four years on, she moved out of her kitchen and into her garage, with turnover up to £750,000.

Mrs Nash eventually gave up the domestic approach to her business and put it on a more orthodox footing in 1989, opening her first office just outside Altrincham. Mrs Nash attributes success

to her personal touch, her love of bikes, and her high profile in the predominantly male biking community. She has been appointed to offices in the Federation Internacionale des Vehicules Anciens and the Vintage. Motor Cycle Club and now owns a bike collection including a 1914 BSA Combination.

She believes that if she had been aggressive in her marketing policy, she would not have done so well. "People urged me to expand, but I felt it was all too rapid," she said. "I have always been cautious in my ap-

proach to the business." That caudon and the nature of her business have seen her through ups and downs in the economy, Furthermore, motorcycle sales are reportedly soaring. Mrs Nash says bikers love their machines — old or new - and go to great lengths to keep them. When clients have faced hard times, she has had them pay in instalments.

Although her son, Malcolm, is now technical director of the company, Mrs Nash went outside the company to bolster her boardroom — a move she describes as her biggest decision. For two years. Damian Keeling, formerly her accountant, has been managing director. This lets Mrs Nash, as chairman, focus on promoting the company and investigating opportunities in its fastest-

growing area, modern bikes.
"I have applied the same philosophy to my modern bike policyholders as with the classic bikers," she says. "Listen to what the individual really wants and build a policy round their specific needs."

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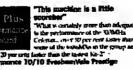
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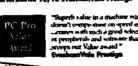
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Noel Whelan, left, scores for Coventry against Everton on Sunday. Whelan features in both the leading Fantasy team (These Eat Beans) and this week's winners

n the lookout for a goalkeeper at a reason-able price? Fancy avoiding the obvious big-time internationals like Schmeichel, Seaman and Bosnich? Well, in our timehonoured tradition of throwing a little-known name at you, may we recommend one Espen

Admittedly, Baardsen is hardly in the unknown category. and anyone who has seen his recent performances for Tottenham Hotspur will certainly have noted his qualities, but it is worth drawing attention to a olayer who has emerged from the shadow of an England player at a big North London club - and, unlike Alex Manninger. his counterpart at Arsenal, must have a good chance of remaining first-choice.

Like many Tottenham players. lan Walker, the England international goalkeeper. appeared to suffer from a shortfall to avoid relegation last season, and made a poor start to this



campaign. Baardsen, born in the United States, but who earned a place in the Norway World Cup squad in France, although he did not play, was a ready-made replacement and has impressed as George Graham has improved the Spurs defence. In Saturday's match at

Highbury, Baardsen helped keep the Gunners at bay with a series of excellent saves. Not that he is yet the finished product — remember his clearance was charged down by Michael Owen for Liverpool's consolation goal in Tottenham's 3-1 Worthington Cup win at Antield last week.

"An excellent shot-stopper." George Graham, the Spurs manager, said, but added; "He's got a little bit of learning to do yet. He's got to command his area a bit more.

Even so, Graham has been sufficiently impressed by Baard-sen to offer him an improved five-year contract. Not bad for a player acquired on a free transfer from San Francisco All Blacks.

The implications for Baardsen as a potential member of your Fantasy League team are obvious. Graham built his great Arsenal team on solid defence, and has stated his intention of doing the same at White Hart Lane. If Baardsen remains first-choice goalkeeper, he is likely to be playing behind an increasingly impregnable back four, with clean sheets the norm rather than the exception.

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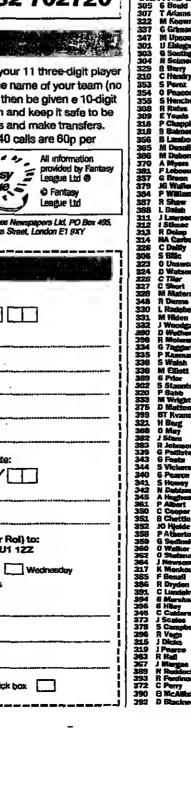
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Dion on course to top scorers' list

This week's winning team scoops £500 without the leading points scorer of the

past seven days. Nick Szczepanik reports

e managed to avoid him last week, after his two-goal debut for Aston Villa, but there is no getting around Dion Dublin this week. A hat-trick at The Dell, giving him a total of five goals in two games, puts him firmly in line for the title of inspired signing of the week, the month, and, by the end of the campaign, quite possibly the season too. No pressure, then.

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AIDFIELDERS

Those who recall Dublin in his early days under the managership of John Beck at Cambridge United, where his head was usually the target for an array of corner kicks, long throw-ins and set pieces, must be mildly bemused to see him in a team leading the FA Carling

Alex Ferguson noticed his progress at The Abbey Stadium and took him into the top division for the first time at the beginning of the 1992-93 season. His career at Manchester United stalled after an early broken leg, but he was sold on to Coventry City for £2 million. double the fee Cambridge received.

At Highfield Road, he came under the influence of Gordon Strachan, who has always preached the wisdom of improving players already on the staff rather than splashing out on big-money signings, and his game improved as a result. Now, he is a more complete player, able to deal confidently with the ball on the ground, stroke penalties confidently home, and play in central defence when called upon. Now nobody will be surprised to see him start tomorrow's England game

against the Czech Republic. The nine points earned by his hat-trick make him the Fantasy League top scorer over the past seven days, and bring his season's total to 25. All the more surprising, then, that the winner of this week's £500 prize did not include him in her selection.

Teresa Creton, a district nursing sister who works in Stroud, Gloucestershire, managed to accrue 34 points without any help from big Dion. The main contributor to her team, TC Tornadoes, was the only player with a higher overall total than Dublin, the man he replaced at Villa Park, Dwight Yorke. Yorke scored seven points in Manchester United's 3-2 victory over Blackburn Rovers, scoring one goal and earning assists on both the us scored by Paul Schole:

Mrs Creton, under the influence of an older brother, grew up as a Manchester United supporter, and so has two of their current squad to thank for her prize of £500 and £100 worth of sports equipment.

"I'm lucky I've got them." Mrs



Creton said. "I hadn't done terribly well up to now." Elsewhere, the team scored steadily. Scholes's brace earned six points, but seven players scored three; significantly, Noel Whelan, pushed forward by Coventry City to fill the gap left by Dublin's departure, scored his team's third goal against Everton on Sunday. It is also worth noting that four

of the TC Tornadoes' three-point

WEEKLY WINNER	è
The TC Tornadoes team:	
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Celestine Babayaro (CHE)	3
Stefan Schnoor (DER)	ō
Soi Campbell (TOT)	3
Lucas Radebe (LFE)	õ
Paul Scholes (MAN)	
Noel Whelan (COV)	
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Dwight Yorke (AST)	
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Total: 34 points

men, Celestine Babayaro, Sol Campbell, Paul Merson and Clive Mendonca (whose penalty goal for Charlton against Middlesbrough ended a long scoring drought), were brought in together in an assault on the transfer market in early October, for which Mrs Creton gives some credit (but not all) to her eldest son, Andrew. "Some of it was mine and some of it was my son's," she said.

According to Kevin, Mrs Creton's husband, their Tottenhamsupporting son acts as a sort of club secretary for the family's

"Andrew is the football fan who helps everyone pick the team. He does the paperwork and gives the nod of approval." Mr Creton said, while Mrs Creton also makes sure to read these pages. "We see what everyone else is doing and get the current form," she said.





Another one for the mantelpiece: Dion Dublin walks off at The Dell with the match-ball after his first hat-trick for Aston Villa. It could have been his second but for a linesman's flag a week earlier. At his present scoring rate, be will end the season with 80 goals - plus three for Coventry

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Ob yes — they used to sell it in the Chelsea club shop, didn't they? Expensive, though. Tell you what, I might be able to afford some Newcastle socks. They'll be flogging the old black ones off cheap Why is that?

Didn't you notice the Sheffield Wednesday game on Match Of The Day? They've started wearing white socks. Gullit once said that be's always won things with teams that wear white socks, which is part of the reason he agreed to And the big wages.

And the big wages. But 111 bet that's wby Shearer and company are sporting white socks nowadays. Plus all the Geordie kids can ask for them for Christmas. Anyway, I wasn't making out a Christmas present list, I was checking the December fixture list. And what did you find? That there are some very big games coming up, and Villa seem to



be playing in all of them. That's right. They play Manchester United, Chelsea and Arsenal in just eight days. The problem is, do I back them to do well in those games, and try to transfer in a couple of their key men, or steer clear, on the basis that they can't win all three? I see the difficulty. Because Dublin and Mersoo are still listed with their original clubs, you could have three current Villa players in your side, couldn't you? And it increases your chance of winning a weekly prize if they do well in the Chelsea and Arsenal

games, which fall in the same Actually, the same is true of Chelsea players, who play at Derby the Saturday after their home game with Villa. That was the one

postponed because of rain the other week, if you remember. So what is your gut feeling? Well, the extra game certainly increases the opportunity to score points - but these important games between rivals are often tight affairs with few goals. So a Villa defender, like Ehiogu, might be worth transferring in.

What about some forwards? Dublin is hot at the moment, but Dwight Yorke will be keen to score against his old club at Villa Park on December 5.

Yes, but you can't have Yorke in . the same team as Ehiogu, because Yorke counts as a Villa player and you can't have two in the same team. But you ought to think about Dublin. He took penalties for Coventry, too. Might be do the same for Villa? Good point. But a goalscoring Chelsea midfielder like Poyet could be a better signing.

Decisions, decisions. Almost as difficult as that Christmas list. No, that's easy. You're definitely getting the socks.

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Hints on selecting your midfield of dreams

OPINIONS differ among The Times Fantasy League managers regarding the importance of the midfield. The majority of managers pick a couple of stars in the centre of the park, but are forced to choose two less well-known names to make up the numbers due to the budget. Although the lesser-known players may perform in the short term, the cream of Fantasy League midfielders does always appear to rise to

It is now that we see possibly the two biggest names head the midfield standings. David Beckham's crossing ability and talent in dead-ball situations will always ensure that the United man is good for fifty points in an injury-free season. Matt Le Tissier also has a phenomenal record in Fantasy League, peaking with 95 points in 1993-94. He is central to all Southampton's attacks, and it is unusual for a Saints goal not to involve the Channel Islander. With midfielders, it is

obviously an advantage when they play slightly further forward. For example, there has been increased demand for entering the Whelan Wonderland, With Dion Dublin off to pastures new, Noel Whelan has been pushed into a striking role and has not let his backers down.

Gustavo Poyet is widely considered to be the best header of the ball in the Premiership and it is in this department that he generates most of his

these shores, Poyet surged to 20 points in just eight games before be was ruled out for the majority of the season with a serious injury, and has started this campaign in a similar fashion. Paul Scholes always looks to get forward from his midfield role to link with the main striking duo, and Aston

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Villa's new boy Paul Merson is a player of a somewhat similar ilk.

Assists often go unnoticed, but this is where the likes of Darren Anderton and David Ginola accumulate a vast majority of their points. Ginola is always capable of a defence-splitting pass or pinpoint cross. Incidentally, Anderton holds the all-time Fantasy League assists record — 19 in 1994-95.

On the other end of the scale, it is just a case of hoping that your cheaper midfielders simply chip in bere and there. Although Garry Flitcroft has started this season impressively with two goals and three assists, the 4,000 managers who have recently purchased him should be aware of his form in

played 42, zero points! West Ham's inspirational midfielder Frank Lampard is destined for a future with the England set-up and although he will not break the bank, 25 points is certainly on the cards for such a talented young

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■ Children who experiment with drugs should not be expelled from school automatically, teachers will be told in the new Government guidelines. Estelle Morris, the School Standards Minister, told independent school headmistresses that she understood parents desire for "zero tolerance" of drugs but it was often better to give children a second chance to lessen the risk of them sliding into regular usage ...

Stability Is sexy, says Blair

Financiers were told by Tony Blair that stability was a "sexy thing" to hammer home the message that the Government had created the conditions to help business weather a difficult year ahead. He used the un-prime ministerial language as he cast aside tradition in his Lord Mayor"s banquet speech by concentrating on the economy.....

Breeches dropped

The Lord Chancellor won the right to wear black trousers and drop his ceremonial dress of breeches, tights and buckled

Top earner

The drugs czar, Keith Hellawell, tops the pay league for Tony Blair's 70-strong team of political aides and special advisers, and will earn 106,057 a year from next ... Page !

Aid for farmers

Emergency aid of 120 million was announced by the Government to help Britain's farmers come through the worst crisis in agri-

culture since the 1930s Page 2 Neighbourhood row

A vital question of lifestyle has created a neighbourhood dispute between the super-rich and the merely wealthy. New arrivals buying 3illion properties want to keep the world away by closingPage 3 off the street

Botched operations

Ministers were urged to order a public inquiry into the career of a surgeon who may have maimed ... Page 4

Work permit loophole Manchester United, Britain's wealthiest football club, finalised a move to exploit a loophole in European employment law to help it bring in stars from South

Animal tests ban

British cosmetic companies will have to move their animal tests abroad in response to a ban announced by the Government. The decision to ban tests was greeted as a triumph by animal welfare organisations ... ___ Page 6

Brain damage award

A teenage girl who suffered severe brain damage after surgery to remove a birthmark when she was five was awarded £3.9

Tyneside opera

Gateshead is to add a touch of Sydney to Tyneside with a £60 million riverside music centre that recalls the shape of the Opera House....Page 8

Single parent skills

Single parents are just as capable as bringing up children successfully as traditional families, a senior headmistress told the Girls's Schools Association...... Paghe 9

Hurricane case

The families of West Indian crew members who drowned when the tall ship Fantone sank during hurricane Mitch off the coast of Honduras last month are to sue the vessel's owners Page 13

End of terror

Monika Haas was jailed for five years for her part in an aircraft hijacking - a sentencing that marked Germany's final reckon-America and Africa. Page 5 ing with its terrorist past Page 14

Taj Mahal may be closed for ever

The Taj Mahal, battered by people, sandstorms and pollution, may be permanently closed. It is suffering the ravages of 10 million pairs of feet trudging across its marble floors every year. Every Friday, when entry is free, around 100,000 people pour into the Taj. Every year more than 10 million visit the 17th century mausoleum...



Four hundred soldiers began leaving Northern Ireland yesterday bringing troop levels there to the lowest since 1970

Nerves of steel: British Steel gave warning it was likely to plunge into the red this year and said that it expected to make thousands of employees redundant over the next . Page 32

Formula for trouble: Bernie Ecclestone, the entrepeneur behind Formula One, is heading for a battle with the EC over legal moves aimed at helping his companies to raise \$2 billion Page 32

Big in Japan: The Japanese Government unveiled a £119 billion fiscal stimulus package in an attempt to revive its economy Page 32

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Football: Ian Wright, who is enjoying a new lease of life at 35, and Dion Dublin, a "youngster" of 29. are expected to start in attack for England against the Czech Republic. ..Page 56

Cricket: England gained an exciting one-wicket win over Queensland but the gloss was taken off it by an assault on John Crawley by a street drunk Racing: Tony McCov, the champi-

on National Hunt jockey, was suspended for 14 days, with another four deferred for six months, for excessive use of the whip...Page 56 Rugby union: Wales, their pulses still racing after the dramatic encounter with South Africa, predict-

ably chose an unchanged XV for

the Argentine game.....

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Home fronts: After tomorrow's royal opening, the Geffrye Museum in East London will have a dazzling new space in which to chronicle our domestic lives....

Rebel cause: Manchester celebrated the 72-year-old composer Hans Werner Henze with a five-day festival tracing his journey from revolutionary to sophisticate...... Page 38

Too, too cute: The "new wave" of young British artists goes on show at the ICA, but Richard Cork finds them mostly looking backwards and lacking in chutzpah... Page 39

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Old and new: Placing a children's nursery in an old people's home is raising spirits and may be prolong-

Market force: George Soros was a big loser in 1987 and huge winner in 1992. But he is also a pinstriped

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By our count this is the eighth "confrontation" between Saddam Hussein's regime and the United States (with Britain and a few other Western powers in tow) since the Iraqi dictator's forces were expelled from Kuwait in 1991. If practice makes perfect, then they should be about ready for the big time now

RADIO & TV

Preview: Men who share the Prince of Wales's birthday reflect on life at 50. Cutting Edge (Channel 4, 9pm). Review: Joe Joseph on the burgeoning sex research Pages 54, 55

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Farm prices

Spending more money on agriculture cannot buck global markets, nor can it substitute for the reform of the common agricultural policy which Europe so desperately

Open health

allowed to hide key data behind the veil of professional secrecy, both public confidence and health will ..Page 19 be at risk ...

While medical consultants are

The tender Taj

Restricting entry to the Taj may risk a loss of tourist money, but to continue to allow unrestricted entry will kill the goose which lays the .Page 19 golden egg...

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Any family which takes self-catering holidays without TV or computers in British weather knows perfectly well that children will happily play board-games with their parents for hours, or be read to, or have long, daft

PETER STOTHARD

conversations

There are two new Great Indian Hornbills in Regents Park. They are young: their keepers say they are bonding well; and perhaps they will be more successful than Josephine in the breeding .Page 18 business... MICHAEL GOVE

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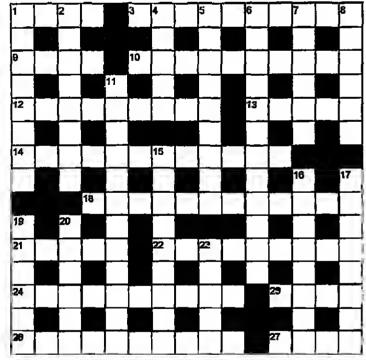
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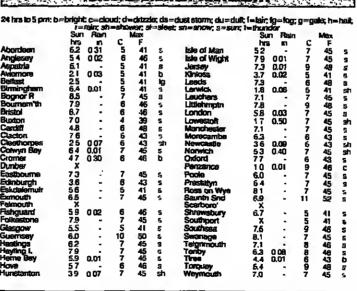
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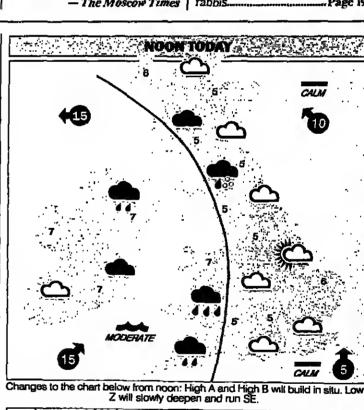
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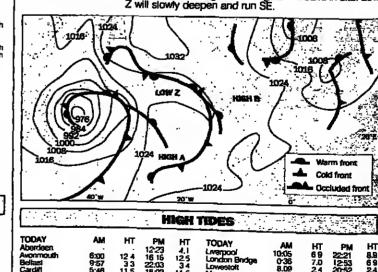
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British Steel cuts more jobs as market worsens



Moffat: gloomy outlook

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH STEEL is to make thousands of workers redundant as it accelerates a massive job cuts pro-gramme. The beleaguered company

could also close all its plants over Christmas because of falling orders. Some of the job losses, which are expected to total more than 12,000 by the turn of the century, could be compulsory. In the next six months it will cut 1,600, after making 1,400 people redundant in the past six months. The cuts will affect middle management as well as blue-collar workers. British Steel is battling against

plunging prices and the strength of

the pound. It has given warning that it could fall into the red this year if action is not taken against what it sees as steel dumping in Europe.

The company is backing an appeal
by Eurofer, the European steel trade

association, to the European Commission about alleged anti-competitive behaviour by steel producers from the Far East, Brazil and South Africa. Prices have fallen by 10-15 per cent over the past few weeks as cheap steel

fat, chairman and chief executive, described the fall in prices as the worst he had seen in his career. Sir Brian said that manufacturing was firmly in recession and dis-

missed Government claims that the

hits Western markets. Sir Brian Mof-

rary blip. He said: "The UK is in recession ... in most of manufacturing industry it has been in recession for

most of this year."
He described the Chancellor's predictions on gross domestic product as over optimistic and said he expected economic conditions to worsen.

Sir Brian said British Steel's problems were nothing to do with productivity — a charge made against ailing firms by the Government. He said the company ranked alongside the world's best. City analysts largely agree and say the management of the company is not at fault.

Ken Jackson, General Secretary of the AEEU, said the job cuts highlighted the fragile state of the economy. He said: "The recent 0.5 per cent rate cut was welcome, but the problems at British Steel demonstrate the case for

further cuts."
British Steel could halt production at all of its plants for several weeks over Christmas if it does not get enough orders. It will join some carmakers in suspending production because there is not enough work. Sir Brian said a decision would be made within a month but a closure is thought more likely than not. While not unprecedented, plant closure at

the company is rare. British Steel has put the screws on its suppliers, demanding price cuts of up to 20 per cent. In some of its opera-

tions about half of the suppliers have ceased business with British Steel, squeezed by the falling prices.

Sir Brian said that he expected further difficulties at Avesta Sheffield. the Anglo/Swedish stainless steel operation in which British Steel has a 51 per cent stake. Recently the business delivered an interim £35 million loss. That could escalate to £100 million in the full-year.

Half-year pre-tax profits at British Steel fell to £108 million from £143 million in the same period last year. Earnings per share fell to 3.99p from 4.75p. The interim dividend was maintained at 3p.

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EYECATCHERS

Ecclestone aims to thwart EU by buying

By JASON NISSE

F1 rights

BERNIE ECCLI the entrepreneur behind Formula One motor racing, has been given the exclusive rights to exploit almost all the commercial aspects of the sport in a move aimed at avoiding sanctions expected to be brought by the European Commission.

The arrangement, revealed in the pathfinder prospectus for a \$2 billion (£1.2 billion) bond issue planned by Mr Ecclestone's Formula One Group, makes the media rights to the sport the "property" of Formula One.

This is set out in an "Acknowledgment Agreement that will be provided by the Federation International de Automobile (FIA), the sport's ruling body, before the final prospectus is issued.

This agreement means the FIA has handed over to Formula One all the intellectual property rights for one of the most lucrative sports in the world. The deal allows for the FIA to buy back its rights for an agreed sum in the year 2020.

The draft prospectus, given to more than 200 potential investors who attended a presentation in London yesterday. goes on to argue that this new arrangement means that the business dealings between Formula One and the FIA are safe

from being altered by Brussels. Karel Van Miert, the European Competition Commissioner, launched an investigation in the middle of last year into the One, the FIA, the teams that race in the sport and the media companies that televise it. The investigation was enough to persuade Mr Ecclestone to postpone a planned \$1.5 billion flotation of Formula One and has cast a pall over the \$2 billion eurobond that it was forced to announce two months ago. Ac-

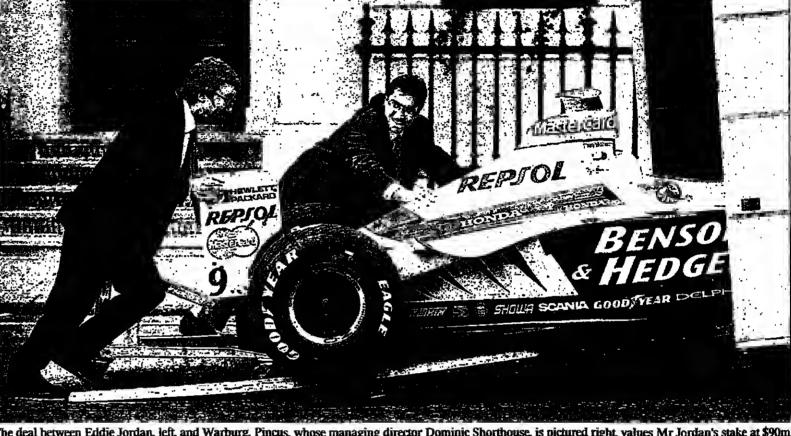
cording to a BBC Pan programme, shown last night, Mr Van Miert's office is understood to have been angered by comments made by Mr Ecclestone and his advisers indicating that there would be no sanctions brought against Formula One as a result of the investigation. It is believed that Mr Van Miert's office is preparing an intervention notice against Formula One and the FIA that could make them amend their business arrangements. But all his office would say yesterday was that it will make a ruling

next year. The prospectus refers to Article 222 of the Treaty of Rome: The treaty shall in no way prejudice the rules in member states governing the system of property ownership." It is understood that Mr Ecclestone is relying on this to stop Mr Van Miert from interfering with the commercial exploitation of For-

mula One's "property" — ie, the media rights to the sport. Article 222 is referred to in a report by Duff & Phelps, the credit rating agency, which said this means that the "fundamental rights" of Formula One "are not considered to be substantially at risk".

However, Mr Van Miert's office yesterday said Article 222 was irrelevant to the EC's powers to intervene if it found that Formula One was acting in an anti-competitive way. The prospectus shows how important Formula One's control of the media rights are. The

company has media contracts worth \$34! million this year, \$407 million next year and \$424 million in 2000. Although it has to give 47 per cent of this revenue to the racing teams, the company made a pre-tax profit of £81.1 million in the first eight months of this year.



The deal between Eddie Jordan, left, and Warburg, Pincus, whose managing director Dominic Shorthouse, is pictured right, values Mr Jordan's stake at \$90m

EDDIE JORDAN, the Irisb motor racing entrepreneur, yesterday saw his stake in the Jordan Formula One team val-ued at \$90 million (£54 million) after a deal with Warburg. Pincus, the venture capi-tal firm.

Warburg is investing \$60 millioo and will take a 40 per cent stake in Jordan, which

THE Carphone Warehouse

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Jordan has right formula to advance his business

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Carphone Warehouse

By CHRIS AYRES

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Formula One teams and racing circuits are paying more attention to the potential valthe British Racing Drivers'

had received an approach to buy the Silverstone circuit. John Lewis, a member of the club, has joined with HSBC Private Equity to make a £41 million offer. This would bring

a windfall of £50,000 each for the BRDC's 800 members. However, Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, its financial adviser, believes the circuit could be worth £70 million.

Gubbay out of offers retailing on Net £10m Tring deal

By CHRIS AYRES

RAYMOND GUBBAY, the Mr Goldsmith's private compaimpresario, yesterday staged a dramatic disappearing act from the £10 million deal to turn Tring International, the deeply troubled music and video group, into a music promotion company.

One source close to the deal which also involved Harvey Goldsmith, the rock music promoter — refused to give details on why the deal broke down But he said: "It would look trivial in the written word." Tring will now continue to work on a reverse takeover deal with Mr

Goldsmith. It is thought that Mr Gubbay had become frustrated with the amount of time it was taking to complete the deal, which included the issue of new shares, and the involvement of the investor Paul Levinson. Mr Levinson, a significant shareholder in both Tring and

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ny, played a key role in the deal in spite of living abroad. It is almost five months since the idea for the original deal was first mooted, and insiders said there were disagree-

> strategy, and how to match the interests of three strong-minded personalities. However, sources close to Tring last night stressed that there had been no personality conflict between Mr Gubbay. an urbane classic music enthusiast, and Mr Goldsmith, who

ments about the group's future

has a reputation for enjoying a heady rock 'n' roll lifestyle. No one involved in the deal agreed to comment. Yesterday Tring issued a statement to the Stock Exchange, saying that "a number of key aspects of the transaction could not be agreed". Shares in

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Japanese tonic fails to excite markets

BY ROBERT WHYMANT AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE Japanese Government yesterday unveiled a huge Y24 trillion (£119 billion) fiscal stimulus package in a last-ditch attempt to revive the country's moribund economy.

The bigger than expected package was, however, greeted apathetically in the markets, and economists predicting that it would, at best, simply prevent further deteriora-tion in Japan's economy.

The latest stimulus measures — the biggest package of its kind — seeks to raise Ja-pan's gross domestic product by 2.3 per cent in real terms over the next three years. Taichi Sakaiya, Economic Planning Agency Minister, predict-ed that it would restore the economy to growth after two years of recession.

Analysts, however, doubted this and expressed disappointment that the Government had chosen again to concentrate on boosting public spend-

ing, rather than tax cuts.

The spending portion of the package includes Y8.1 trillion for social infrastructure and public works, and Y5.9 trillion is to be provided for cheap loans to companies to try to ease Japan's credit crunch. A further Y6 trillion will be provided to cut top-rate income tax and corporation tax. However, there is no cut in sales tax, contrary to market hopes.

Tokyo's Nikkei index made modest gains to end up 160.06, at 14,428.27. The yen was little changed against the dollar.

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holders include British Telecom, Midland Bank, Matsushita and BSkyB, the satellite Commentary, page 31

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Bank sees no need for hedge fund regulation

TIGHTER regulation of hedge funds is likely to prove self-defeating and cannot be justified in terms of investor protection, a Bank of England report ciainis today.

The Bank's autumn Financial Stability Review, however, calls on banks with hedge fund investments to consider their own risk procedures.

It gives warning that there may be a growing tension be-tween the expectation that banks have low-risk liabilides and the reality of a growing tendency to diversify into more risky investments,

Regulators in both Britain and the US have been under increasing pressure to review the regulation of hedge funds - high-risk investment funds following the \$3.0 billion (£2.1 billion) bailout of Long

Term Capital Management. The Financial Stability Review, which is published today, also argues against any direct tightening of regulation for hedge funds.

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The review claims that the basic purpose of regulation "is to protect investors from exces-

sive risk taking and loss". This principle, however does not apply to hedge funds that attract investors precisely because they have taken a high-risk strategy outside the regulated sector.

The experience of the LTCM rescue package has also raised the question as to whether the markets themselves need protecting from hedge funds. The review, however, claims that the hedge funds are not the only large players in the mar-ket and "it is not clear why they, uniquely among inves-tors, should be singled out".

Increased regulation is also likely to prove self-defeating because it would drive many funds even further offshore. the Bank says.

The review does, however, conclude that banks should consider their monitoring of hedge fund investments and. in particular, check the adequacy of risk management pro-cedures and levels of collateral provided to cover investments.

It recognises that the growing pressure on financial services companies to diversify into more risky assets could create regulatory problems in the future because large banks are traditionally perceived as having low-risk liabilities.



Edgar Bronfman Jr, left, and Frank Biondi Jr, pictured at the time of Seagram's purchase of Universal Studios

Tobacco shares lifted as Clinton backs settlement

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

BILL CLINTON yesterday threw his weight behind the \$206 billion (£125 billion) tobacco settlement, pushing BAT shares up 14½p to 530p yester-day, close to an all-time high. President Clinton urged Congress to approve the deal, which will space out payments

A previous, more comprehensive \$368.5 billion settlement, had been rejected by

to the Government over 25

Congress last year.
Staking the White House's claim to part of the credit for the deal, a spokesman said: "The state settlement is an important step forward in the fight to reduce teen smoking. The President will ask Con-The President is also expectgress to help him finish the

Mr Clinton, who has been campaigning for tobacco legislation, was not directly involved in negotiating the settlement that was hammered out by eight attorneys-general.

While welcoming the settlement, the White House said Mr Clinton would continue to push for national tobacco legis-

The spokesman said: "He will highlight much of the unfinished work. Next year he

will make a fegislative priority of finishing the job with

ed to ask the Supreme Court to decide whether the federal Food and Drug Administration has the authority to regulate tobacco. The settlement has delight-

ed Wall Street. America's big tobacco companies have been the toast of investors in the past few days. Philip Morris set a record high yesterday.

Analysts believe that the biggest legal threat over the health risks from smoking has now been eliminated.

> pointments. The restructuring is aimed at integrating PolyGram, ac-quired from Philips for \$10.4 hillion (£6.2 billioo), with Universal to form the world's biggest music company.

Head of

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FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN

NEW YORK

FRANK BIONDI Jr. the

head of Universal Studios, yes-

terday resigned under pres-

sure, as Seagram, the studio's

pareol company, launched its

long-awaited restructuring. Edgar Bronfman Jr. the

chief executive of Seagram.

will take a more hands-on role

in the running of the Holly-

wood crown jewel that has suf

fered since he acquired it in a

1995 move to turn Seagram

from a drinks business into

Universal has been strug-

gling at the box office. Its new

release, the Brad Pitt film.

Meet Joe Black, is the latest in

a string of cinematic disap-

an entertainment giant.

Mr Bronfman is reorganising Seagram into three areas that will report directly to him: beverages: music and film, theme parks and interna-

Mr Biondi, 53, had more than two years left to run on a five-year contract thought to be worth \$76 million.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Subsidy cut slows down GB Railways

GB RAILWAYS GROUP, which operates the Anglia Railways franchise, lifted underlying profits in the first half in spite of a deterioration in passenger service levels. The company reported pre-tax profits of £1 million for the six months to september 30, even though it saw subsidies from Opraf, the Rail Regulator, cut by £4 million during the period. In the first half of the previous year, pre-tax profits were £2.1 million. Punctuality figures published earlier this month show that Anglia's performance had fallen from 93.4 per cent to 91.7 per cent the reserve present and present the same pariod. 91.7 per cent over the same period.

There was a 12.5 per cent increase in passenger volume on Anglia trains, which run between Liverpool Street and East Anglia. Tim Clark, managing director of Anglia Railways, said lass year's punctuality figures were "exceptionally good" and therefore not a fair comparison. GB Railways also holds a small stake in Great Southern Railway, which operates long distance trains in Australia. Earnings fell to 7.7p a share from 15.5p, but there is a maiden interim dividend of

Phytopharm placing

PHYTOPHARM, the company that is seeking to develop medicines from plants, has raised £2.2 million through a plac-ing of shares with institutional investors — enough to fund the company's operations for another two years. The shares were priced at 145p, a modest discount to the market price of 150p, although still below the 175p they commanded at flota-don in April 1996. In spite of the recent problems in the biotechnology sector. Phytopharm has tripled in value this year, helped by a collaboration with Pfizer to develop a drug to

Dagenham buoyed

SHARES of Dagenham Motors rose 18th p yesterday, buoyed by hopes of a takeover bid for the motor dealer by a joint venture between Ford and Jardine International Motor Holdings. Ford and Jardine said that they were considering ways of expanding their joint venture, including the acquisition of Dagenham, the UK's biggest Ford dealer. The venture already has 11 Ford dealerships and four Iveco Ford commercial vehicle dealerships. At yesterday's closing price Dagenhant is valued at about £25 million.

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Cisco plans academy

JOHN CHAMBERS, chief executive of Cisco Systems, the US technology group, will tomorrow pledge to spend £1 million leaching British students how to design and build the equipment that makes the Internet work. The company plans to launch a Cisco Networking Academy programme, which will provide secondary schools and colleges with the hardware needed to teach computer networking skills, plus curriculum development training for teachers. Cisco said that it ultimately aimed to establish five regional training centres.

Abbot windfarm deal

ABBOT GROUP, a drilling contractor for the oil and gas industry, said yesterday that it had agreed to a joint venture for operating windfarms with PowerGen Renewables, a subsidiary of PowerGen. Abbot said that it would acquire 50 per cent of the issued share capital of PowerGen Renewables from PowerGen for £5.35 million. Abbot will transfer its Norfolk windfarm to the joint venture. PowerGen Renewables, as the joint venture will be known, currently operates seven windfarms across the United Kingdom.

Proposals to assist credit unions

THE credit union movement received a boost from proposals announced yesterday by Patricia Hewitt, Economic Secretary to the Treasury (Henrietta Lake writes). Speaking at the conclusion

of a Joseph Rowntree Foundation study into community finance. Ms Hewitt announced the publication of a consultation document to reform existing legislation constraining the growth of credit unions. Set up to provide financial services for disadvantaged communities, there are more

than 600 credit unions with assets exceeding £100 million. The measures will make the "common bond" qualifying rules for members more flexi-

ble, extend the two-to five-year repayment periods for loans, allow unions to borrow from sources other than banks and permit them to offer interest bearing share accounts. Ms Hewitt also announced

proposals for the future regulation of credit unions, bringing them within the scope of the Financial Services Authority.

Peter Gormley, a director of the National Federation of Credit Unions, said: "We welcome any proposals which make credit unions more flexible. Changes to the highly restrictive Credit Unions Act of 1979 are long overdue." Consultation ends on February 12.

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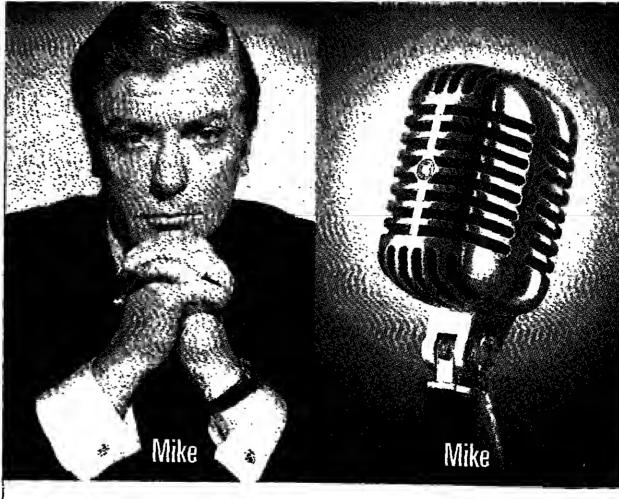
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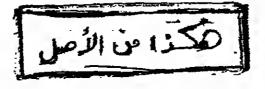
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AKING steel is much like farming sheep at present. A lot of work

goes into it but the prices fetched by both Dolly and hot rolled coil

are pathetic and getting worse. Unlike sheep farmers, howev-

er, British Steel can expect little

assistance from the Government

during the crisis that is engulfing

it. Bailing out ailing industries is not a role that New Labour sees

and has been for some time. The

company is among the world's best for productivity and its man-

may be easing now that action

has been taken on interest rates but it will be a while before the benefits flow into the company's

But another — and potendally more damaging — foe will not be quietened so easily. Steel prices are quite literally plunging around the world, felled by the

Asian economic flu. That has sent Far Eastern companies rush-ing to flood western markets

with steel and has brought down

the shutters on their own coun-

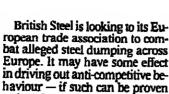
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A woolly future for steel

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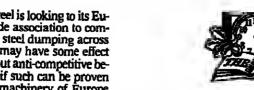


haviour — if such can be proven
— but the machinery of Europe
is notoriously slow and British
Steel's problems are pressing.
If there is soon a downturn in
the European car industry then
the company's problems are going to look far worse. Instead of
the Christmas closures and thou So British Steel must fight its own corner unaided. The prob-lem is that it is doing just that agement is generally well thought of. But the problems this management faces would try the patience of a saint.

British Steel is highly vulnerable to the strength of the pound and has taken a severe battering over the past 18 months. That the Christmas closures and thousands of job losses it now faces, British Steel may have to look seriously at reducing capacity. Such a move would be a big blow to Britain's diminishing manufacturing base. It would be a result of the proposition of the steel of the

sult of recession that is difficult to

For manufacturing is facing nothing less than recession despite the Chancellor's over-optimistic economic forecasts and the Trade and Industry Secretary's warnings about talking "ourselves into recession". There may be little hope that British Steel can make it into the next century without a massive reduction in its workforce and a squeeze on its suppliers so great that hundreds of them will fall by the wayside. It may ultimately



have to bite the bullet and close plants. By then the manufactur-

ing base may have declined to about 15 per cent of the economy. It will take many knowledge-based industries to fill this gap and even more to fill it for the long term. Government ministers may look dewy eyed at hightech clusters but those compa-nies cut and run more quickly than heavy industry. Ask the people who used to work at Fujitsu.

Turbo-charged **Ecclestone**

Bernie Ecclestone has enjoyed a long and successful business career. Having started as a garage owner, he became business manager for Jochen Rindt when the driver won the Formula One world championship in the late 1960s. He then moved into team management and eventually became the effective boss of one of the world's most

watched, and most lucrative, sports. Now he wants to crown his achievements by taking nearly \$2 billion out of the sport and putting it into a trust to ensure the continuing wealth and happiness of his

wife and children. But his tirning is askew. Last year when he was talking about floating his Formula One Group, he stumbled over the rather large hurdle of an investigation into the sport's business dealings by Karel Van Miert, the European Competition Commissioner. This investigation is ongoing, yet Ecclestone is proceeding with a

giant eurobond.

Not suprisingly, yesterday's investor presentation for the bond was dominated by talk of the EC investigation. Attempts by Formula One and its adviser, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, to defuse the situation by first saying that Van Miert's concerns could be easily dealt with (a statement Van Miert's office denied) and then by a legal manoeuvre (which Van Miert's office said was irrelevant) show how concerned they are

about this inquiry.
So why not wait until the EC has ruled? Is there some pressing reason why the 67-year-old Eccle-stone needs to fill up his family's coffers now, rather than in a few months' time? Most of the contracts that the EC is investigating stretch well into the next century (the most important one potentially stretches until 2020). The row with the EC over tobacco sponsorship is not going to be sorted out in the near future. And the plans to develop more races in the Far East are not going to come to much while the key mar-kets are still in the economic doldrums. So why proceed with the haste of Mika Hakkinen in a

Morris Minor? Alas, like so many issues in the Ecclestone business world, no one will explain why investors are being asked to pay up now

McLaren when it would be more

sensible to proceed as if driving a

rather than next year. Perhaps Ecclestone fears that Van Miert will rule against him and is desperate to raise the money before his business suffers from this. If that is so, a reputable house like Morgan Stanley would be wise to think twice before forcing this turbo-charged issue on investors.

Investor inertia spoils Tokyo show

pathy is sometimes a far more revealing reaction than direct criocism. That the Japanese Government's latest, and largest, stimulus package barely caused a ripple in the markets speaks volumes for the country's

seemingly intractable pessimism.

Analysts were willing to concede that the 24 trillion yen (£119) billion) package is an improve-ment on earlier attempts. The move away from traditional public works projects to investment in health, education and IT should benefit a wider section of the economy. The credit guarantee measures will help small and medium-sized businesses that have been hard hit by the coun-

try's credit crunch.

The absence of substantial tax

cuts has, however, left the market convinced that consumers will find no new reason to increase their spending. Unemployment is set to continue to rise. And if consumers are not spending, there is little incentive for businesses to raise their own in-

vestment levels.
The Japanese Government has for too long resembled a bungling doctor, prescribing the wrong-sized dose of medicine. As a result, the Japanese economy has become largely inured to the cure and needs bigger and bigger doses just to prevent the disease spreading further. With the Government's own Budget now near breaking point and the mar-ket saturated with bonds, this was probably the last chance for a Government cure. Time now appears the only healer.

Lady snooty

THE condescending tone used by Patricia Hewitt when talking about the the people who tend to use credit unions is rather in line with government thinking. La-bour used to be about helping the poor, but now it sees the "so-cially disadvantaged" as an inconvenience, getting in the way of Labour's real target, the mid-dle classes. Perhaps it was the remnants of the Financial Secre-tary's Australian accent which made her sound snooty, or maybe just a hangover from her time at Andersen Consulting.

Ocean

buyback

seen as

best use

of funds

By PAUL DURMAN

OCEAN, the freight trans-

port group, is to return

El03 million to sharehold-

ers because of difficulty in finding sufficient attractive

investment opportunities.

The company raised £330 million when, 18 months ago, it sold OlL its offshore support services business. John Allan, chief

executive, has since made

£170 million of acquisitions and Ocean continues to see

further significant opportu-

However, the company

said: "The board has set challenging investment

hurdles to ensure the acqui-

sition programme enhanc-

Against this background,

and the continued cash gen-

eration by its underlying

businesses, the board

believes that the company should return a substantial

amount of capital to shareholders."

The decision to buy in

nities in global logistics.

Unigate hurt by glut of pork on world markets

By Robert Cole, City correspondent

A GLUT of pork on the world market, coupled with a slump in demand for butter substitute spreads, undermined profits at Unigate, the dairy and food group.

Pigs bred at the height of the BSE scare in anticipation of soaring supply for pig meat are now flooding on to the market. Unigate said yesterday. The economic turmoil in Asia and Russia has also hit the consumption of pig meat.

Overall pre-tax profits were unchanged at £67.5 million in the six months to September 30, but this was achieved as a result of higher interest inused acquisition provision.

WARREN BUFFETT, the

investor known for picking

crisis-proof stocks, has un-

derperformed market indi-

ces during the third quarter

as the value of his assets

Buffett's fund, was hit by the decline of US share prices

that sliced a third off each of

his three higgest holdings -

American Express, Coca-

According to a report from Berkshire, the value of

its total assets fell from \$64

Cola and Gillette.

Berkshire Hathaway, Mr

plunged by 15 per cent.

to buying the Hillsdown Hold-ings food group in the spring, has a cash pile of £166 million. The pork and spreads diffi-

culões led to a 14 per cent decline in operating profits in Unigate's UK fresh food division. In Europe fresh food operating profits fell 6 per cent to £48.1 million.

The high-profile launch of the soft drink Sunny Delight by Procter & Gamble also hurt Unigate's sales of fruit juices, which declined II per cent in

Overall operating profits were down 6 per cent at £59.5 million, although these were adversely affected by a £3.6 million charge incurred in en-Unigate, which came close suring its computer systems

billion to \$54 billion (about

£32.4 billion). During the same period the Dow Jooes

index declined 12 per cent

and the S&P 500 index fell

In previous market slumps, Mr Buffett usually

Mr Buffett is America's

second richest man with a personal fortune of \$30 bil-

lion. As the higgest share-

holder of his Omaha-based

fund, Mr Buffett will have

seen his wealth damaged by

the asset value plunge.

outperformed the market.

10 per cent.

Buffett portfolio

takes a buffeting

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

are free of danger from the millennium bug. Sir Ross Buckland, chief ex-

ecutive, said he could not explain the decline in demand for spreads. But he said the problem, which hit Unigate's Utterly Butterly, Gold and Vitalite brands, was common to all yellow fat suppliers, including real butter.

Sir Ross said: "None of us are satisfied with these results but the team has produced a creditable performance in difficult circumstances."

He added: "The UK economy remains under pressure. This has created challenging trading condidons which we expect will continue in the second half and probably means a pause in our growth." Operating profits at Wincan-

ton, the logistics subsidiary, grew 17 per cent helped by deals with Littlewoods, the retailer, and SmithKline Beecham, the pharmaceuticals group. Adjusted earnings were 21.7p, against 21.3p. The inter-im dividend is raised 5.3 per

cent to 7.9p from 7.5p.



Alan Bowkett, head of Berisford, the Magnet kitchens company, is cooking up plans for an acquisition worth up to £200 million

Berisford to seek US listing

By Sarah Cunningham

BERISFORD, which operates a food service equipment business and the Magnet kitchen and joinery stores, is seeking a second listing in New York because it is dissatisfied with its poor share price performance in London.

Alan Bowkett, chief execu-

ing to officials from the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdag about a possible listing and hopes to have it arranged within the next year.

He also said that Berisford aims to invest up to £200 million in a big acquisition, possibly in Germany, the UK or the US. It would probably be in food service equipment, in

operates in the US, through its Welbilt subsidiary. Mr Bowkett said that Berisford is also considering buy-

ing back some of its shares. Berisford saw underlying pre-tax profits rise 27 per cent. to £50.2 million, last year on sales up 8 per cent, to £591.2 million. Fully diluted carnings per share rose 30 per

of 6.3p (4.5p) makes 9.5p (6.5p). The shares yesterday rose 41/2p

to 169½p, having peaked in June at 260p. Mr Bowkett said that current trading is particularly volatile. In the past six weeks, joinery sales have been slightly down on last year, but kitchen sales remain slightly up.

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about a tenth of its shares lifted Ocean's share price 14%p to 669p. The group said that current trading is in line with expectations. but gave warning that air cargo business will grow

more slowly this year.

Ocean will effect its buyback through an issue of 'B' shares that will have a nominal value of 65kp and will carry a net dividend of 4%p a year. Investors will be able to redeem their 'B' shares at 651/p each for five weeks from December 14. The existing shares will be consolidated to avoid distortion of earnings figures.

tive, said that Berisford is talkwhich the company already cent, to 23.4p. A final dividend Former Scotia chief raises further £2m

By PAUL DURMAN

DAVID HORROBIN, the former chief executive of Scotia Holdings, has taken advantage of the recent recovery in the drug development company's share price to raise another £2 million or

Dr Horrobin, who was forced out of

Scotia this year, sold 940,000 shares in September to fund his new research company. Over the past month, he has sold another 2.3 million shares, cutting the holding he controls by almost 3 per cent to 12.4 per cent.

Scotia's shares rose 74p to 134p yesterday as it announced plans to save £1 million a year by laying off 30 scientists

in Nova Scotia; Canada, and renegotiating a £3 million loan with the Government of Nova Scotia. The price, above 700p last year, fell to a low of 85p last

month. The Government of Nova Scoola has agreed to allow Scotia to defer interest and capital repayments and may convert its debt into shares at

prices between 190p and 280p. Previous loans were oed to the jobs created at the ERI.

The Capital Group of companies, another large investor, has also sold 715,900 shares for about £850,000 - believed to be substantially less than it paid for them. Capital still holds a

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STOCK MARKET



Cautious investors still hopeful of US rate cut

US interest rates and an easing of tension in the Gulf enabled share prices to start the week on a firm note.

Share prices were squeezed higher in thin trading with brokers expressing satisfaction at the market's performance de-spite prices closing below their best levels of the day.

The FTSE 100 index touched 5,540.7 before ending the session up 47.3 points at 5.510.5 in low volume of 672 million shares. The FTSE 250 index ended 9.2 higher at 4,835.6.

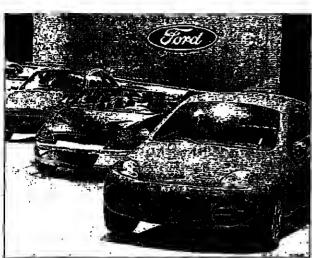
Brokers were happy to cling on to the prospect of a cut in US rates which, in turn, would put further pressure on the Bank of England to cut rates again next month. One of the best performers

among blue chips was Rentokil initial with a rise of 164 p to 376!4p, after touching 385p. on turnover of 4 million shares. Sir Clive Thompson. chief executive, is meeting a number of fund managers at a lunch today arranged by HSBC Securities, the broker. it follows a highly successful roadshow by the company in the US last month.

P&O stood out with a rise of 25p to 615p with WestLB Panmure, the broker, moving its recommendation from "buy" to "strong buy" and rival Wil-liams de Broë chipping in with a "buy" recommendation. Sentiment was also cheered by reports of price rises being implemented by Eurotunnel, 5p better at 79p, which would enable the P&O/Stena consortium to follow suit. British Airways struggled to stay on course with the price dropping 10!5p to 3821 p after Salomon Smith Barney, the US securities house, downgraded its recom-mendation and cut its target price from 500p to 440p.

Salomnn is worried about the impact a recession would have on profits. It has moved the shares from "outperform" to "neutral"

Elsewhere in the sector. First Group, the bus operator. rose 9%p to 365p ahead of interim results, expected to show pre-tax profits staric at £30 milion. Word is that Cazenove, the company's own broker, has been trying to place a large line of stock for the past week. This has led to claims the results may be accompanance another acquisition. Stagecoach fell 7p to 228p



Dagenham Motors, the Ford dealer, increased 18½p to 143½p on speculation that it will be the subject of a bid

despite some encouraging com-ments from HSBC Securities. It has moved the shares from "add" to "buy". It has reduced its recommendation for BAA. up 13p to 66lp, from "buy" to 'add". NFC, 21/2p easier at 113p. from "reduce" to "hold" and Arriva, 6½p firmer at 384p, up from "hold" to "add".

Vodafone surged 4½p to 85½p ahead of results. The

group has also seen the value of its 55 per cent stake in its Greek mobile phone operation increase after the sale of a 15 per cent stake by its French partner. The business is now being valued at between \$4.2 billion [£2.55 billion) and \$4.6 billion, up from \$4 billion when the offer was first made. News of share buying by one director lifted Flexiech,

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SOME words of caution about current trading left Unigate nursing a fall of 211/2p at 502p and also cast a shadow over the rest of the food manufacturers.

Northern Foods, with half-year results out this morning, was shown no mercy. It shares closed 712p down at 16712p with brokers tearing a similar tale.

Northern is one of the biggest suppliers of prepared foods to Marks & Spencer. which recently reported a food sales in the quarter to the June 30, and a further 0.5 per cent in the quarter ending September 30. Brokers are forecasting

unchanged pre-tax profits

of £42 million for Northern. Food companies suffered some of the biggest fall in the FTSE 250 index. Terranova, demerged from Hillsdown, lost 44p at 112p while Hazlewood Foods shed 3p at 134½p, Geest 8½p at 435p, and Acatos & Hutcheson op at 1221/2p.

The one bright spot was 354½p.

26%p to 575p. Max Ulfane has bought 10,000 shares at 547p. British Biotech finished 34p lower at 404p with HSBC Securities continuing to urge clients to "sell". This offset news that Oechsle International Advisers has increased its stake to 60.9 million shares, or 9.22 per cent. Michael Ashcroft, former boss of ADT, the security specialist, has hit the acquisition trail. Carlisle Holdings, his new vehicle, has made an agreed offer of 130p a share for Abacus Recruitment, up 421/2 to 177kp. It values the recruit-ment specialist at £14.6 million.

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There was further heavy turnover in Booker which firmed another 314p to 72p on speculative buying as 3.67 million, shares changed hands. ☐ GILT-EDGED: There was

little enthusiasm among investors to chase bond prices higher ahead of today's meeting of the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee. Dealers say the prospect of a cut in US interest rates appears remote. but such a move would put pressure on the Bank of England to follow suit next month and provide another boost to

AlM-listed Carlisle current-

ly has a war chest of about £80

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Even so, prices managed to make modest headway in thin trading. The December series of the long gill rose 17p to £115.1S, while among conventional issues Treasury 7.25 per cent 2007 rose £0.02 to £117. ☐ NEW YORK: Shares reacted positively to the situation in At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 69.26 points to 8.988.35.

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food and dairy company, has nothing to do with either food or milk. Wincanton, its distribution subsidiary, was the highlight of yesterday's half-year results.

While most Unigate observers focus on the food side and lanerly the on-off bid shenanigans with Hillsdown Holdings. Wincanton has been built into a handy business. It contributes less than a quarter of group profits but sales revenues - not burdened with deflation

like its sibling operations — are moving up.

It is also an area that Unigate may find is
more promising for acquisitions, which it needs to find if pressure to buy back shares is to ease. The relief among Unigate's top brass at not tying the knot with Hillsdown, which has gone steadily downhill since the spring bid talks collapsed, is tangible. The promise being shown by Wincanton may persuade Unigate that the best use of resources is in that side of the business. It could exploit the home shopping ambitions of the supermarkets bycapitalising on its doorstep milk delivery exEmu by a

Logistics is not exactly a sexy business but beside food manufacturing anything looks good. It is dreadfully difficult to make money from food. It seems there is always either a glut of some loodstuff or other, which forces prices down, or a famine, which means that there is no product around to sell. Even in steadier times, producers have to cede most of

the pricing power to retailers. The prospective dividend yield of 5.7 per cent should underpin the Unigate share price. But until a home is found for its cash, the shares will drift. Only a hold.

Emap

EMAP is good at launching new magazines, and equally good at killing off failures with dispatch. In the apparent-ly well-served women's market its latest offering Red has been a considerable success. In the rampant young male market FHM has become a legend and one the company hopes to repeat in the US next year. A new entertainment weekly planned for launch in the UK next spring sounds higher risk but the instincts of Emap's consumer mag team ought to be trusted.

Elsewhere in the group the strong presence in commercial radio is paying dividends and well complemented by the acquisition of Melody Radio in London.

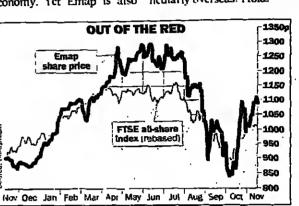
On the exhibition side Emap's Spring Show at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, devoted to gift-

ware, is so popular they've well run and less exposed to had three extra exhibition halls built.

The chairman, Rohin Miller, knocked nearly 3 per cent off Emap's share price yesterday by referring to a slowing down of revenues in its main UK markets. This remains a worry because it is dependent

recession than most media

After being hammered hard over the summer Eman shares have recovered from a low of 840p to 1081p last night. At such levels Emap's qualides are accounted for. There may be a pause until it demonon the health of the consumer economy. Yet Emap is also strate new achievement, par-



Marston's

GETTING to grips with securitisation is tricky at the best of times. But throw in a convoluted structure involving preference shares, non-voong ordinary shares and a discreoonary trust - not to mention a possible bid approach - and Marston's shareholders could be forgiven for wondering which way to look.

The deal unveiled vesterday allows Marston's to exit from tenanted pubs at a 30 per cent premium to their net asset value in a tax-efficient way. The proceeds of £137.3 million will allow it to return cash to shareholders while funding the roll-out of its managed pub concepts Pitcher & Piano and Via Vita.

At the EGM called to approve the tenanted disposal next month, shareholders are effectively being asked to support the reshaping of the group being led by new chief executive Nick Letchel. Yet as Marston's treads

this path Wolverhampton & Dudley, its Midlands rival brewer, is waining in the

It is by no means a foregone conclusion that W&D will hid — it is unclear how W&D would find the £200 million-plus Marston's would cost for a start. Then again, the Letchet plan plan may take some time to bear fruit. Shareholders should wait to see what W&D comes up with before trying to reach

Berisford

BERISFORD'S grievance at the lowly rating attached to its shares traded in London has sent it looking for a second listing in New York. The frustration is understandable. The company has expanded sensibly, is coping well with some tough marketplaces, and is looking for further acquisitions.

In the UK its main shareholder is PDFM on its usual hunt for value, and cannily in

this case. But other Brit investors have not been tempted in numbers. Already a sizeable chunk of the company is owned by US funds. Fidelity is a big holder.

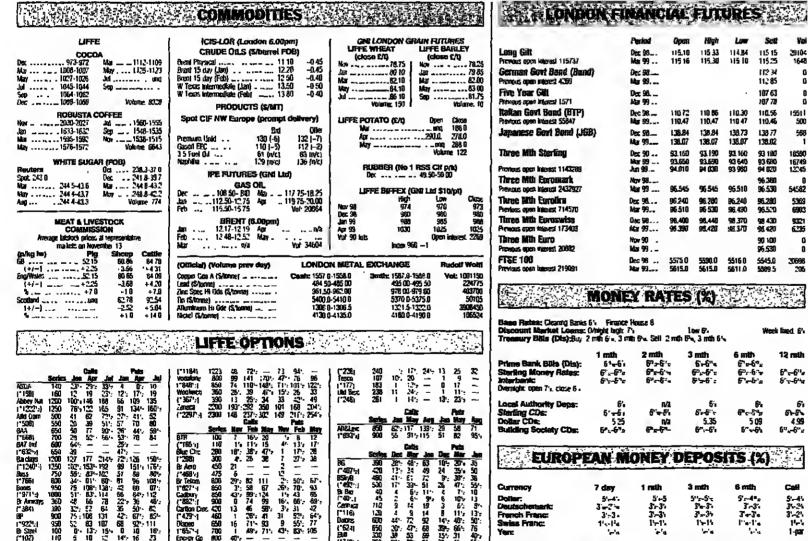
Berisford is bener appreciated cross the Atlantic but the message should eventually get through in London, Its food service equipment business is naturally suffering in Asia, but continues to perform well in its main markets of Europe and the US.

Magnet, the UK kitchen. bathroom and joinery business, has so far managed to keep its head above water despite the slowdown in consumer spending and in house building. Berisford is undoubtedly

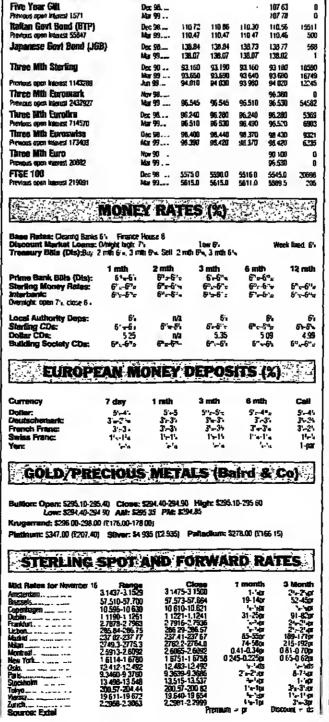
vulnerable to economic downturn in Britain and the US. This will continue to cast a shadow over the share price. but those who are prepared to hang on should get a good return in the long term.

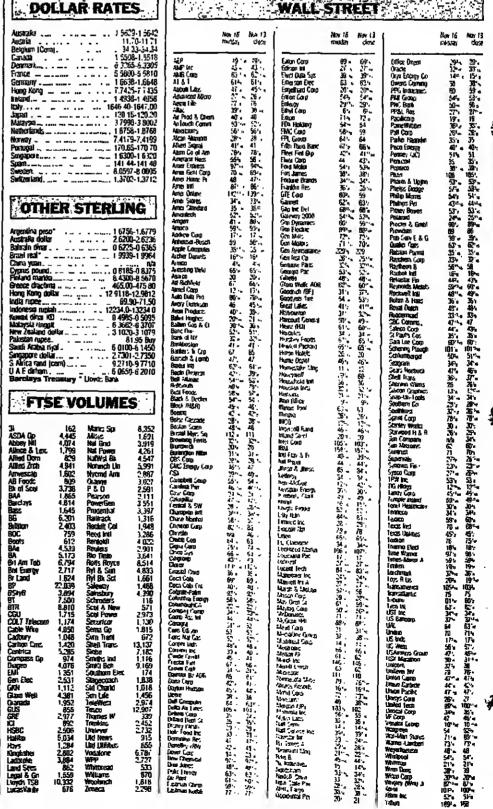
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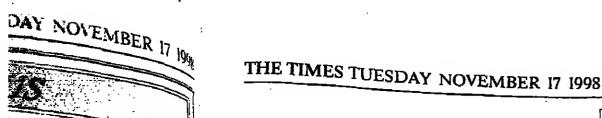
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Emu could be stranded by a dangerous red tide

The German 'new European way' is a dead end that Tony Blair

should avoid

There is "no red tide sweeping Europe", and 'no grand departure from economic orthodoxy". Neit Kinnock breezily assured a Japanese audience yesterday. Japan might seem a curious place to press the point. At its ultra-conservative Ministry of Finance orthodoxy has reluctantly been consigned to the shredder. In desperadon, the Obuchi Government is even proposing to hand out £1,500 "shopping vouchers" to pensioners and the low-paid as part of its laiest. £88 billion effort not only to sort out Japan's banks but to cajole its consumers to start spending, lift the country out of its deflactonary slump and it hopes against hope — generate a million jobs.

From the Japanese perspective, therefore, the purportedly "New European Way" being charted for this weekend's Ecofin meeting must seem pallid to the point of invisibility. But on the sound rule of thumb that when a politician feels the need to protest that something is not happening, then it probably is, Mr Kinnock's timing is impeccable; and his audi-ence of Japanese corporate investors should pay attention. For whether it is truly coloured red, or German redgreen, or the purple that Tony Blair rather oddly adopted as his backdrop at the Labour Party conference, there is indeed a left-of-centre tide sweeping the European Union. The common cause is unemployment: and, as always in the

EU, the catalyst is Germany. After years of Maastricht-imposed ceilings on government budgets, counter-cyclical spend-Kinnock's fellow EU commissioner, Mario Monti, abetting the campaign from Brussels with the helpful suggestion that "investment" on infrastructure should simply be taken out of the calculation of national budget deficits. Maastrich is triple chains of fiscal and budgetary constraint are fraying, its treaty-based defences to shield the European Central Bank from political interference are crumbling and, despite his formal disclaimers, the stability pact imposed by the Germany of Helmut Kohl is nowhere more under onslaught than from the policies advocated by the new German Finance Minister, Oskar Lafontaine. On the eve of the euro's birth, changes are afoot which, for better or worse, could alter the infant

currency's geneoc code. For better, in two important respects. The first is that a prominent target of this new political activism is the excessive secrecy in which Wim Duisenberg's ECB board has chosen to cloak the new central bank's deliberations. To



say this is not to endorse what looks suspiciously like a politi-cians' plot to make ECB monetary policies the scapegoat for economic problems that have their roots in coorinental failures to undertake structural reforms, ft is merely to underbody but Mr Duisenberg. which is that the ECB, like Die Frau öhne Schatten, Strauss's supernatural operatic queen, must in the real world make common cause with ordinary people if it is to prosper there.

The ECB has neither history, nor electorate. It will not win popular trust or respect unof it has established a policy track record the bases of which are well understood, and it carnot do that if it refuses to disclose, never mind to justify or account for, its decisions or the forecasts underpinning them. The ECB should listen to its critics, because the task of establishing its credibility is more than ever urgent. At his meeting yesterday with Dominique Strauss-Kahn, his French opposite number and soulmate, Herr Lafontaine called off his crusade for fixed exchange rates; but he remains tempted by the idea of using exchange rate "target zones" as a poliocal lever to influence ECB policies. The high-profile storms raging over the right balance

between growth targets and

price stability and the role of monetary policy in job creation could unsenie the euro before it has had time to establish itself with consumers as a fact of life. Add an increased risk of banking crises affecting several emu countries, where Maaslender of last reson could lead 10 ill-tempered games of pass the parcel within the European System of Central Banks, and the ECB will need all the public relations firepower it can command. Nothing beats ex-plaining what it is doing, and why. The poliocal heat on the

ECB to change its ways should

be kept up. second. though more qualified, cause for good cheer is that the Euro-II governmenis seem finally to have realised just how difficult economic management will be without the shock absorbers of national interest and exchange rate policies. The smug view that the EU is an oasis of stability has given way to alarm. Unol this summer, governments assumed that higher growth would float the euro in calm seas. Such optimism has fallen with the autumn leaves.

In the core countries of Euroland, the upturn is petering out. October's consumer price indices for France and Germa-

ny suggest that both could be on the edge of deflation. Germany - where exports have been hit both by the weaker dollar and by the financial turmoil in Asia. Russia and parts of Eastern Europe — is unlikely to see growth above 2.3 per casters pitching the rate at an even feebler 1.5 per cent - the same as Italy's today.

This has huge consequences for unemployment. The EU average, tempered by Britain's relatively good employment record, is only just under 10 per cent. According to European Commission statistics, dole queues in the EU do not shrink unless growth exceeds 24 per cent; and at less than 2

per cent, they rise sharply.
That could be poliocally explosive. Italians have, with difficulty, been persuaded that 12 per cent unemployment was the price of qualifying for Emu; but what if, as some economists expect, it is still 11.7 per cent in 2001? German unemployment is stuck at more than four million - levels not seen since the 1930s - and the new German "alliance for jobs" has got off to a bad start. Its tax reforms will initially add to business costs, as will the reversal of cuts in sick leave payments, provoking a storm of protest from employers. Worse still, Herr Lafon-

taine has only encouraged the

claim by Germany's biggest un-ion, IG Metall, for a 6.5 per cent wage increase by saying higher wages will stimulate consumption. And worst of all. insofar as the new Government recognises the risk that German firms will react by accelerating the shift of production abroad, its instincts are to curb competition, not live with it.

This is where "for worse takes over, and the "red ode" exposes all Europeans, outside as well as inside Euroland, to yet more prosperity-denying regulation. This is not for ideoogical reasons alone. The fact is that whatever headway EU governments have made on cutting deficits, they have done far too little to cut taxes and loosen up their labour mar-kets in preparadon for the compeotive pressures of a single currency, Nor have they made the structural cuts in areas such as pensions and public sector jobs that are needed to free up public finances.

err Schröder may tean in that direction; but his party does not. France and Italy are rowing back-wards. With no time left to implement these necessarily timeconsuming reforms before the advent of Emu, the hunt is on for escape hatches. And the answer, a "European employment pact", represents more than a return to demand management. It is shaping in ways that are inimical to free market competition, let alone jobs. Germany's red-green coali-

tion has spelt out some of the objectives: "joint and binding rules against tax, social and environmental dumping", "effective minium taxation of companies" and the outlawing of "tax oases". France is of the same mind; yesterday, the Lafontaine/Strauss-Khan axis confidently predicted EU agreement on harmonised taxes on companies and savings within six months. Tony Blair may be-lieve that he fought that off at the EU's Portschach summit, where he half-joked that it would be fine by hIm — if all taxes came down to British levbetter just to have said no. With a Chancellor as keen on co-ordinated EU economic policies as Gordon Brown anpears to be, it is folly even to hint that the British veto on taxes might be negotiable.

the way. They will not do nearly as much for growth as more flexible employment laws or cuts in social security and payroll taxes. Then what? Expect a renewed "drive for political integration" - and a campaign to curb the "unfair" advantages of non-Emu countries. Since Herr Kohl's purpose was pobtical all along, he can look forward to a merry retirement. For Mr Blair, who hailed the German election result as a "tremendous victory" that put Europe's four biggest countries on the same wavelength, this means trouble. The "red tide" could swamp his chances of persuading British voters that Emu is a passport to prosperity, the con-stitutional implications of which are minor, even benign. To mix metaphors, red tides can have silver hinings.

Cuts in interest rates are on



New York decides tourist boom is cue to beat its drum

Frank Sinatra was born in Hoboken. New Jer-sey, a town with a tanta-lising view of the New York City skyline. So it is appropriate that one of the songs for which he is best remembered is that karaoke favourite New York, New York. (He also sang "Chicago is my kind of town" as well as tunes praising Lon-don, Paris and a host of other towns, though Croydon some-how slipped through the net).

The late crooner's warblings, along with Norman Parkinson's photographs of the Brooklyn Bridge, the title scenes from Friends and those irritating "I ♥ New York" Tshirts and car stickers are among the thousands of images that have effectively marketed "the city that never sleeps" to millions of tourists. Yet until now New York City has nev-er marketed itself ("I ♥ New York" was a slogan dreamt up by the Governor of New York

But that is set to change. The city has appointed Fran Reiter, its former deputy mayor, as president and chief executive officer of the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau. The formidable Ms Reiter aims to plough up to \$15 million (£9 million) a year into advertising and marketing the city. This will manifest itself in poster and press advertising and new visitor centres (one of week and which will soon have online links to New York's hoteis, tourist attractions and theatres so that you can book tickets for what you want to do there before you catch the flight). The money for this is coming jointly from the Mayor's office and the private sector, with the private sector expected to supply the

lion's share in coming years. The interesting thing is the timing. New York is enjoying a tourist boom at the moment. The UK is the largest source of visitors to New York and 726,000 of us have pitched up in the city in the past 12 months. This is a 30 per cent increase on the previous year and more than double the numbers who were visiting at the beginning of this decade. The reason is threefold. First, there is the currency is-

sue, with sterling's strength making visiting the US increasingly attractive - indeed many people find it worthwhile to fly to New York to buy their Christmas presents.

This leads to the second rea-

son, which is the cheap flights that you can book across the pond at the moment. Hardly a day goes by without big adverosements from the likes of Virgin, British Airways and Cononental offering bargain trips to New York. These days, taking Virgin from London to New York is often as cheap, and certainly as quick, as Virgin from London to Glasgow.

The third reason is crime. Under Mayor Giuliani, there has been a crackdown on muggings, assaults and other



street crime so that New York now claims to be the safest major city in the US (with the least safe, apparently, being Atlanta, home of Coca-Cola and the 1996 Olympics). Though the improvements started five years ago, it has taken some time for perceppeople are even complaining that New York is too polite these days.

But why start marketing now, when things are going so well? This is the time to do it." says Ms Reiter. You cannot rely on things that you cannot control — like the currency working in your favour."

Indeed, research tends to show that most companies tend to increase their market-

ing expenditure when things are going well. This is probably because they are better able to afford the expenditure. Whatever the reason, New York is not resting on its laurels. Ms Reiter is out to tempt more "vagabond shoes" that are "longing to stray". It's up to you, New York, New York.

SO, GOODBYE "It's good to talk". British Telecom is finally consigning this irritating slogan to history where it will re-side with Rusby, Bob Hoskyns and that hairy bloke from They Thirk It's All Over. It seems that BT's advertising agency, Abbott Mead Vickers. has persuaded the giant utility that the slogan is out of date in an era when BT is trying to sell its data services and more and more people are turning to the mobile phone companies for their voice communication needs — sorry I slipped into corporate speak then.

It seems that the mobile phone groups - along with the folk behind these digital TV launches — are ensuring that the advertising agencies will have a happy Christmas. You can hardly move without being accosted by an advert for One-2-One. Vodafone, Orange or Cellnet. And it is not only the ad folk who are benefiting. There is lots of cash being poured into sports - with Vodasone having just Derby, putting in £3.5 million over three years, and One-2 One still not out of the running as new sponsor of the England football team. Likewise, the arts, with Orange backing prizes for both wornen's fiction and film-making, and the media, with One-2 One now striking a deal with Capital Radio for sponsored phone handseis. Perfect for your Christmas stocking.

Overbroked?

IN THE City, loyalty, we would all agree, is not the force it once was, and big corporations that might once have been happy to keep the same advisers for decades are taking a more hard-nosed approach. But I detect a hint of desperadon in the attempts of

some to win new business. Diageo, the Guinness-Grand Metropolitan hybrid, caused some upset a few weeks ago with the decision to drop one set of auditors inherited from the merger. Pricewaterhouse-Coopers, in favour of the other. KPMG. But the group says it is per-



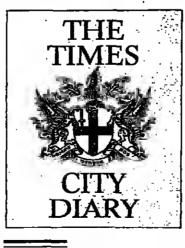
sisting with three stockbrokers, Cazenove, ABN Amro and BT Alex

Caz is, of course. Caz. ABN does lots of corporate advisory work and BT. NatWest as was, has Graeme Eadie, one of the best-regarded analysts in the sector. But I hear a fourth broker is keen to gain some work from Diageo.

Merrill Lynch has been emphasising the usefulness of its Wall Street operación to Diageo's American assets such as Pillsbury and Burger King. They are all over them like a rash, my spy tells me.

Meanwhile, GrandMei has a longstanding relationship with Warburg, while Morgan Stanley has been used on an ad hoc basis in the past. If a few crumbs also go to Merrill then pretty much every broker of note, except perhaps Kleinworts, will have a tie to the company. Which might make it a linle difficult to find much truly independent research.

THE ways and wherefores of credit agencies are a bit of a mystery, what with all that "creditwatch with negative implications jargon. But it seems a strange time, given just what might have been happening in that part of the world over the weekend. for Fitch IBCA vesterday to down-grade the United Bank of Kuwait.



Geronimo

QUANTFEST '98 sounds rather fun, you might think. It is in fact the annual three-day Warburg Dillon Read chatshop for their quanotive analysis team, otherwise known as the rocket scientists, at Swiss Bank House, the old SBC building, this week. Think yourself lucky you are not there, because someone has seen fit to provide me with the programme.

Lots of jolly chats about "Convolution Methods for Path-Dependent Opoons", "Implied Volatility Rules and Stochastic Processes" and "Geronimo Rapid Model Development. With impressive thoroughness, delegates have even been provided with the latest weather forecast (cold) and warned: "Get lots of rest beforehand." The first theme of this year's meeting? "Learning to Speak the" Same Language".

Unconnected

COMPANIES such as Bridsh Gas might be falling over themselves to recruit new customers in the newly competitive energy market but there will always be a few unfortunates who remain unconnected.

Take poor Roy Gardner, out in the wilds of Hertfordshire, who would have to pay as much as £28,000 in connection fees to Transco, the gas pipeline network, and has so far refused to do so. He could probably afford it, on his salary as chief executive of Centrica — the obscurely named parent company of British Gas.

IF YOU thought Bernie Ecclestone's business affairs were complicated, try reading the prospectus for his \$2 billion eurobond. On page 19 this refers to an agreement being "novated to the company". As "novated" fails to make it into the Concise Oxford English Dictionary, I ask a lawyer. It is a transfer of contractural rights, but "no body outside the law would understand it. This is why it is used in the executive summary at the start of the document.

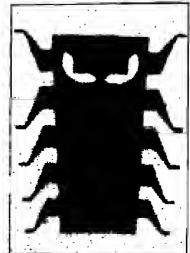
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t HAVE it on good authority that the year 2000 may not after all be the

great apocalyptic event we all fear. While I appreciate that for every optmistic forecast there is a computer nerd telling us we are all doomed, this one at least comes from a good source.

Michael Lewis is chairman of the Year 2000 task force at the Associaoon for Payment Clearing Services (Apacs). He has been conducting his own private research. He has a Co-op credit card, which even he accepts is "not the cutting edge of technology". But it has still worked in 16 countries around the world, he reassured us all yesterday — including a little rum shack in Barbados.

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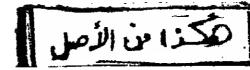
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Carlisle secures first deal

Carlisle Holdings, the new stock market vehicle set up by businessman and political activist Michael Ashcroft, yesterday announced its first deal, the acquisition of Abacus Recruitment. The agreed takeover values Abacus at £14.6 mil-lion, or 189p per share. Abacus specialises in the re-cruitment of accounting, le-gal, insurance and IT professionals. Abacus shares closed up 42½ p at 177½ p.

Fall for Cropper Shares of James Cropper. the specialist paper maker. fell nearly 40p to 1531:p af-ter the announcement of a 54 per cent drop in half-year

pre-tax profits. In the six months to September 26 profits fell to £670,000 from £1.47 million last time, on a turnover that fell to £25.09 million from £1.47 fell to £25.09 million from £26.98 million. Earnings fell to 5p a share from 1lp. The interim dividend is unchanged at 1.4p.

Workspace gains Workspace Group, a pro-vider of flexible workspace for small businesses, is optimistic about results for the full year after reporting pre-tax profits up 31.3 per cent on last time to £3.3 million for the half to September 30. Turnover was up 12 per cent to £10.93 million. with earnings per share at 15.2p (12.5p). The interim dividend is 5.5p (5p).

Holographics up Applied Holographics, a manufacturer of holographic film and security and packaging products, yesterday reported net profit of £966,000 for the six months to September 30, up from £55,200 for the same period last year. Turnover increased by 36 per cent to £7.22 million. Earnings per share were 3.7p (0.21p). There is again no dividend.

Steel firm hit

Adam & Harvey Group, the steel stockholding and distribution company, yes-terday said economic conditions in Africa and Asia had "taken their toll" of its results. Pre-tax profit for the six months to September 30 was £1.51 million (£2.48 million) while turn-over was £13.18 million (£17.92 million). Earnings per share were 18.8p (32.8p), and the interim dividend is 8p (13.5p).

Hopes for merger of W&D and Marston's diminish

BY DOMINIC WALSH

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THE prospects of a merger between Marsion, Thompson & Evershed and Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries (W&D), the West Midlands brewers, appeared to recede yesterday as Marsion's unveiled plans to return £60 million to shareholders.

The payout, to be distributed through share buybacks and a special dividend, will be paid for our of the £137.3 million Marston's is poised to receive from the sale of the majority of its tenanted estate.

It is offloading a package of 549 of its 631 tenancies and 20 of its managed pubs to the Premier Pub Company. The deal is being financed through a £155 million securitisation negotiated by Nomura International. Under the terms of the deal,

which is subject to shareholder approval, Marston's will retain a nominal interest in the business and has been granted an exclusive four-year supply agreement by Premier. Analysts were divided on

how the move might affect W&D's predatory intentions. James Wheatcroft, brewing an-

alyst at WestLB Panmure, said: "We think a merger is increasingly unlikely given that Marston's is pursuing its staled strategic intentions. Its cash offer of £60 million to shareholders looks more attractive than Wolves's paper." However, other observers believe W&D could fund a £200 million-plus cash deal with debt.

W&D, which said last week that it was "contemplating" an approach, reiterated its interest. A spokesman said: "We continue to look at ways of putting these two complemen-

However, any chance of an agreed deal appeared to diminish as the two sides embarked on a war of words on the nature of the contact between them since last week's statement. Marston's said it had received no more than "a courtesy cail", whereas W&D was adamant there had been two telephone conversations between the chairmen and proposals had been discussed by the two

sets of advisers. The news overshadowed a disappointing set of half-year results from Marston's as the effects of the World Cup, the

weather and weaker consumer spending took their toll. including an exceptional charge of £1.1 million from unwinding its involvement in Mercury Taverns, pre-tax pro-fits declined by 7 per cent to £14.7 million from turnover 7.5 per cent ahead at £114.5 mil-lion. Earnings per share de-clined to 11.72p (12.71p) but the interim dividend increases to

3.3p (3p).
The shares, which had risen from a low of 172½p on bid hopes, fell 17p to 226½p.

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Emap sticks with £5m launch

By RAYMOND SNOODY MEDIA EDITOR

EMAP, the magazine, radio and exhibitions group, is push-ing ahead with its biggest UK consumer magazine launch in the spring despite evidence of a slowing of growth in United Kingdom revenue.

The magazine, codenamed Project "J", will be a weekly covering the entertainment world. The launch and promotional costs could be as high as £5 million.

Emap is to go ahead with the venture despite economic uncertanties, showing faith in the division that put forward the proposal Kevin Hand. Emap chief executive, said:
"That's the difference between bankers and publishers."

Yesterday Emap announced a 16 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £75 million, excluding goodwill amortisation and disposal profits for the six months to September 30. Emap also said it hoped to go ahead with the US launch of FHM, Its men's magazine, next year.

Robin Miller, chairman, said the revenue slowdown in its main UK markets would impact our business throughout the rest of the year and into next, although we are still anticipating good growth".

The launch of Red, its new women's magazine, had been more successful than expected, the company said, but a significant launch in France had been aborted because sales were too low.

Adjusted earnings rose 17 per cent to 23.8p a share. The interim dividend is lifted 15 per cent to 5.7p a share.

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Kevin Hand said Emap's decision showed the difference between publishers and bankers

Kvaerner denies it is close to defaulting

BY ADAM JONES

KVAERNER, the Anglo-Norwegian engineer, said yesterday that it was not close to defaulting on loans, despite plunging to a £92 million loss in the third quarter. Christian Bjelland, chair-

man, said the result, which reverses a profit of £72 million in the same period last year, was

"very, very poor".

The delicit was the result of a flurry of asset writedowns and provisions against losses. Kvaerner was forced to cut the book value of its share of the Sea Launch programme which will use ships to fire satellites from next year - by £34 million to be more "prudent".

Kvaerner also wrote down the value of assets in the oil and gas division, Provisions against contract losses also increased by about £18 million net. Kværner said its shipbuilding and oil and gas divisions are dominated by projects that are not generating profits.

Kvaerner also gave warning that the Govan shipyard in Glasgow will run out of orders by the end of next summer without further contract wins.

The company recently ousted Erik Tonseth, its chief executive, after its shares dived to an Il-year low. Kjell Almskog, his replacement, is heading a root-and-branch review of Kvaerner businesses that could lead to core businesses being jettisoned to reduce its £1.1 billion debt burden.

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Sidlaw remains cautious

BY MATTHEW BARBOUR

SIDLAW, the packaging com-pany that has emerged from a lengthy period of restructuring, yesterday gave warning that despite progress in 1998 it remains cautious about the

outlook for the next year.

The company, which is based in Edinburgh, reported full-year pre-tax profits before exceptionals up 67 per cent to £8 million (£4.8 million) on turnover up 4 per cent to £153.4 million (£147 million).

John Durston, chief executive, said: "It will be difficult to replicate the profits growth we have seen, but I am sure we can build on the progress made over the past two years." Earnings fell to 9.8p (26.9p)

due to last year's exceptional profit of £16.3 million resulting from the sale of its underperforming oil services business. Sidlaw shares rose 2p to

Storeys ahead

Wardle

By MATTHEW BARBOUR

WARDLE STOREYS, the parachutes and inflatable boats company, lifted pre-tax profits to £14 million from £12.5 million in the year to August 31, in spite of the adverse impact of the pound on both export and home markets.

While its inflatable systems division reported a 93 per cent rise in operating profits to £4.8 million (£2.5 million) on sales of £40 million (£30.1 million), both the group's remaining two divisions reported profits marginally down on last year.

The airborne systems divi-sion made operating profits of £2.9 million (£3 million), while the technical products division made £6 million (£6.4 million). Group turnover for the year is up to £116 million (£113 million). The final dividend is 15p, making a total of 22p, up 7.3 per cent. Comparable earnings were 36.6p (32.6p).

Pillar capital to be restructured

BY CARL MORTISHED

PILLAR Property plans a large retail parks where Pillar large-scale capital restructur-sees the prospect for good renting aimed at returning cash to shareholders next summer. Pillar has already asked its

shareholders for permission to buy back about 10 per cent of the equity, which is worth about £40 million, but Raymond Mould, the chairman. believes that the market will not absorb enough of the spare cash.

Pillar's problem is that too few investments are coming on to the market. Mr Mould said: "We have excess capital we see no use for."

The self-off of the Pillar Caisse joint venture portfolio left Pillar with £57 million in net cash proceeds. Mr Mould said that the company's baiance sheet was 58 per cent geared, "with plenty of bead-

Preferred acquisitions are

al growth because they continue to attract the best retailers. However. Mr Mould said that these rarely became available and the ban on new building on green field sites meant that good investments were becoming scarce.

Pillar's half-year pre-tax profit was up 47 per cent to £10 million after rental growth, including joint ven-tures, of £22 million (£17.9 million). Including joint ventures, Pillar's investment at the end of September totalled £936 million. In November Pillar submit-

ted a planning application for a leisure and retail scheme at Fulham Broadway in West London. The 212,000 sq ft project will include a 12-screen cinema, shops, restaurants and a supermarket.

European Union debates education

The EU today threw its Professor Terry Slade, member states into some consultant education specialpfusion about the ist to the EU, insisted that erm futurethe idea was not 'dead in ed education poliwater' as some critics had suggested. "A little fine tuning is all the idea" requires" he said. "Other cation ministers are et today in Bruges to out a compromise could see the pri-condate and fully plored Revamping Esperanto difficulties appear entred around the

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A place to recall home

A new £5.3 million extension has enhanced the Geffrye

Museum's domestic delights. Francis Gilbert reports

omorrow the Prince of Wales will open the new extension to the Geffrye Museum in East London. It will be a great change in the life of this much-loved but (until now) slightly run-down institution, massively expanding the museum's scope without losing the Geffrye's charming character.

For many years the Geffrye has been one of the more unusual museums in the country. Until the building of the new extension, which has doubled the museum's floor space and greatly improved its coverage of the 20th century, all its rooms were housed in a long row of picturesque almshouses built in 1715 with money left by Sir Robert Geffrye, once the Lord Mayor of London. These cosy houses served as a retirement home for pensioners and widows for nearly 200 years before the buildings were saved from demolition after a petition by the Arts and Crafts Movement in 1914.

Although initially the museum was narrow in its focus concentrating mainly on furniture made by local artisans an inspired curator in the Thirties hit upon the idea of using the space to reveal how ordinary people lived their domestic lives. The combination of this accessible, contextual approach and the intimate setting of the almshouse was a winning formula and the Geffrye became something of a pa-

tional treasure.

However, by the time that the present director and depury director took over in the early 1990s, the place had a tired feeling. "It was a lovely, charming place but it had no clear focus," says Christine Lalumia. the deputy director. The director, David Dewing, adds: "We decided the best way to unlock its potential was to build an extension which would raise the museum's profile and attract more people.

They began planning in 1992 and, in a gesture typical of the Geffrye, they involved everyone connected with the museum in the planning -

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from the catering and security staff to powerful patrons such as the chairman of trustees, Baroness Brigstocke. The total project cost E5.3 million, of which E3.75 million has been provided by the Heritage Lot-

tery Fund. Branson Coates Architecture were appointed to design the new building. They have doubled the floor space in an ingenious but unobtrusive way, by designing a building the same length as the original 18th-century buildings and

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then twisting it around oo itself in a horseshoe shape. Its sensuous, red brick, slated and copper curves offer a fascinating complement to the rectangular red brick of the ancient almshouses.

It's great fun walking around in the "horseshoe". You leave the shadowy, antique environment of the old museum and stroll into the diaphanous restaurant which overlooks the new period gar-dens. Then the visitor is enfolded by the circular sweep of the new period rooms, which focus exclusively on the 20th century. There is an Edwardian period room in the Arts and Crafts style, a 1930s room decked out in the muted colours fashionable at the time, a 1955-65 room which highlights that period's obsession with modernity, and a 1990s industrial warehouse conversion. An interactive computer programme allows the visitor to learn about any aspect of liv-

ing rooms through the ages. The visitor then descends a dramatic, curving staircase

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with steel, glass and wood balustrades, and enters the lower concourse where there are two huge, almost futuristic classrooms. They are rigged up to enable the teaching of object handling, including pottery and ceramics. The interior walls are glass, so that visitors can see the educational work that the Geffrye does with lo-cal schools in Hackney, Tower

Hamlets and elsewhere. This lower level also houses a design centre that will showcase the best of the contemporary furniture and decorative arts which is produced in Hackney and East London. In addition, a fully secure temporary exhibition gallery on the lower level will enable the Geffrye to highlight the objects that are frequently loaned to it by the Victoria and Albert and other museums.

Having completed an in-door tour, after April next year you will be able to tour the period garden rooms. They will highlight the key styles of middle-class town gardens for the past four centuries. Each garden will correspond to a specific room in the museum.

of the different threads of the Geffrye are successfully pulled together by this extension into a complete whole. The new design will highlight its educational pro-grammes, extend its period rooms and gardens, improve its promotion of local artists and designers and highlight its importance as a national resource for both the public and scholars.

Building it has been a massive achievement, and it hasn't been easy to accomplish. "It's been pretty stressful," admits Lalumia. "But there is something about the Geffrye which transcends all the day-to-day problems. Sometimes I think that the almshouses must contain a benevolent ghost who solves our problems for us."

● The Geffrye Museum (0171-739 9893) is open to the public from Thursday: Tues to Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun noon-5pm. Entrance free



The "Arts and Crafts" style Edwardian room in the Museum's extension, which the Prince of Wales opens tomorrow

Speed thrills

ONE of the patron saints of jazz fusion, the British guitarist John McLaughlin is as revered for his fluent technique as for the vast catalogue of material he has written and recorded either in his surrice. corded either in his own right or as the leader of such pio-neering groups as the Mahav-ishnu Orchestra and Shakti.

At the Festival Hall he was accompanied by a muscular five-piece band named The Heart-of Things, after his cur-rent album. Gary Thomas (sax and flute) and Otmara Ruiz (electric keyboards) were ostensibly to the fore, whether playing contorted melody lines in unison with McLaugh-

JAZZ

lin or blowing at a rate of knots in their own right. But the band was effectively dominated by the rhythm section — Matthew Garrison (electric bass), Victor Williams (percussion) and the hefty Dennis Chambers (drums). bers, who approached the task of drumming as if it were a branch of the martial arts, produced an explosive solo during Tony, while Williams shook. struck and blew all manner of objects to create the sound of a jungle dawn at the beginning of Fallen Angels.

McLaughlin seemed content to prowl the side of the stage for much of the time.

stage for much of the time, leaving the way clear for the young guns to strut their stuff. But he still ensured that there was no doubt as to who was the boss. Bearing down every so often on either Thomas or Ruiz, he would throw down the gauntlet with a stinging flurry of notes, easily outpacing anything either of his sparring partners had to offer.

Dispatched with plenty of vigour and bravado, this was a dramatic set of virtuoso jazz for the rock generation.

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Revolutionary consistency

ooking at the immaculately turned out, impeccably polite 72-year-old composer at the Hans Werner Henze Festival in Manchester last week, I found it difficult to see in him the middle-aged revolutionary of 30 years ago. But the least predictable discovery of the five days of his music at the Royal Northern College of Music was the revelation of a consistency over a much long-

er period than that. It might be true that the First Piano Concerto, which won the promising young composer the Robert Schumann Prize in 1951, is only half formed, both stylistically and structurally, and that the Eighth Symphony, written 40 years later, is as sophisticated as any orchestral score written since the death of Richard Strauss. But the personality behind the two works, both of which were included in the closing concert of the festival.

is recognisably the same.

Much happened in the mean time — half a lifetime, in fact, including the period when the composer so fervently identified with student rebellion in the late 1960s. That was when he produced, alongside music theatre pieces as adolescent in concept as they are dramatic in effect, the Sixth Symphony performed by the RNCM SO with Elgar Howarth earlier in the week.

Scored for two chamber orchestras and written specifical-ly for the Cuban National Orchestra and a proletarian public in 1969, it is an extraordinary mixture of revolutionary sentiment and musical com-plexity. It is also, above all when played with such exuberance as it stimulated in these student musicians, an exhilarating experience driven large-ly by rhythm but also by sounds which - though not intended for the internal organs of an audience that couldn't tell the difference between a freedom song by Mikis Theodorakis and one from the Vietnamese Liberation Front -

What the Eighth Symphony has in common with the early Piano Concerto — which was first performed 46 years ago and which then disappeared without trace until Peter Donohoe, Ingo Metzmacher and the BBC Philharmonic so valua-

have a visceral impact.

BEETHOVEN'S MANCHESTER

bly revived it for this first British performance — is a lyrical impulse always under the threat of violence. Some of the gestures of tenderness heard in the central slow section of the Concerto actually seem to be echoed in the Symphony. Although Henze in 1952 could not have written the masterful second movement, a sustained and unfailingly entertaining Shakespearean scherzo based on the anomalous pairing of a shapely Titania with a gro-

tesque Bottom, the same im-

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pulses are there. Brilliantly performed by the BBC Philharmonic under Metzmacher's authoritative direction, the Eighth Symphony was the festival's final affirma tion of Henze's place in a tradi-tion which, though he might once have rejected it, he clearly cannot resist.

GERALD LARNER

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"GHOST" PLANO TRIO Reviewed by Julius Drake

YOU have only to hear the mysterious opening bars of the slow movement of this Beethoven trio to know why it is known as the Ghost. Rather like the equally famous Moonlight Sonata the music immediately suggests its title - or at any rate, something like it. Not that Beethoven himself

ever gave these pieces labels: usually publishers thought an evocative name tag might sell a few more copies - and of course, not many composers complain about that. There is another possible

reason for the title. Beethoven wrote copiously all his life in sketchbooks, jotting down musical ideas and themes as they occurred to him and then working on them and developing them, often painstakingly and over long periods of time. until they achieved their final

In the sketchbooks of 1808,

alongside the themes that eventhe first and last movements to tually became the Ghost Trio. are themes for a projected opera on Shakespeare's Macbeth. That opera never came into being, but perhaps it is not too fanciful to imagine, in the shattering climax of the

Anyway, there is no doubt that this slow movement is the emotional heart of the trio. and if the musicians fail to capture its mystery and spectral quality the performance loses its way. Believe me, it is strangely elusive and many fall by the wayside. Baren-boim, Du Pré and Zukerman, the Beaux Arts Trio, Kempff, Szeryng. Fournier and Casals. Fuchs and Vegh all pass the test with flying colours.

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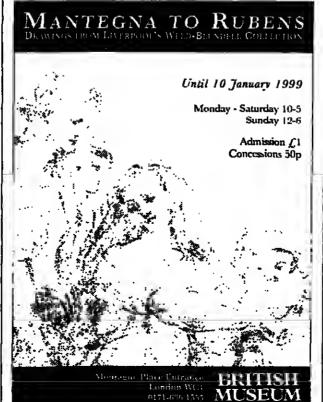
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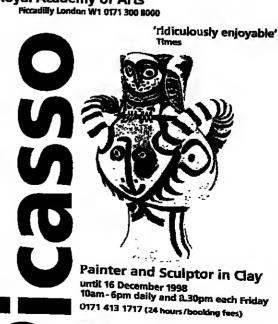
consider, and they encompass Beethovenian range: the strong and muscular, wistful and sweet, witty, graceful and delicate. For me it became apparent there was one quite outstanding recording. Daniel Barenboim, Jacqueline Du Pré and Pinchas Zukerman were not that long out of school when their EMI recording was made in 1970 (CMS 7 69707-2, £19.99 for a two-CD set that includes Elgar, Haydn and Beethoven), but I suspect that may well explain part of the freshness and spontaneity of their playing. However, there is also a profound seriousness and integrity, as well as an instinctive response to this great piece of chamber music. Above all the chemistry is right - they just play marvellously together.

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VISUAL ART: The 'new wave' on show at the ICA mostly looks backwards, says **Richard Cork**

ust over a year from the century's end, the latest wave of British artists is flirting with suicide. Die Young Stay Pretty, urges the title of their show at the ICA. The first Image confronting visitors. Dexter Dalwood's garish painting of Sharon Tate's house, might seem in thrall to violent, premature extinction. But no trace of blood or bodies can be found in this glossy, empty room, and the American flag draped over the white sofa sounds an unexpectedly festive note. In his avoidance of openly

disturbing imagery, Dalwood typifies the mood of the entire exhibition: If death is hard to detect, a nostalgic love of retro glamour is more noticeable. Japanese-born. Goldsmithstrained Jun Hasegawa moons over the young Paul Weller in her gloss-painted, cut-out colossus. Like Dalwood, Hasegawa adopts a comic-book style dreamily dependent on Roy Lichtenstein and Alex Katz.

Alongside these knowing references to the past, Die Young Stay Pretty reasserts the old hierarchy of painting and sculpture. Installations are nowhere to be seen, and the only video is confined to a small TV screen. Impersonality gives way to a renewed fascination with private lives and domes-

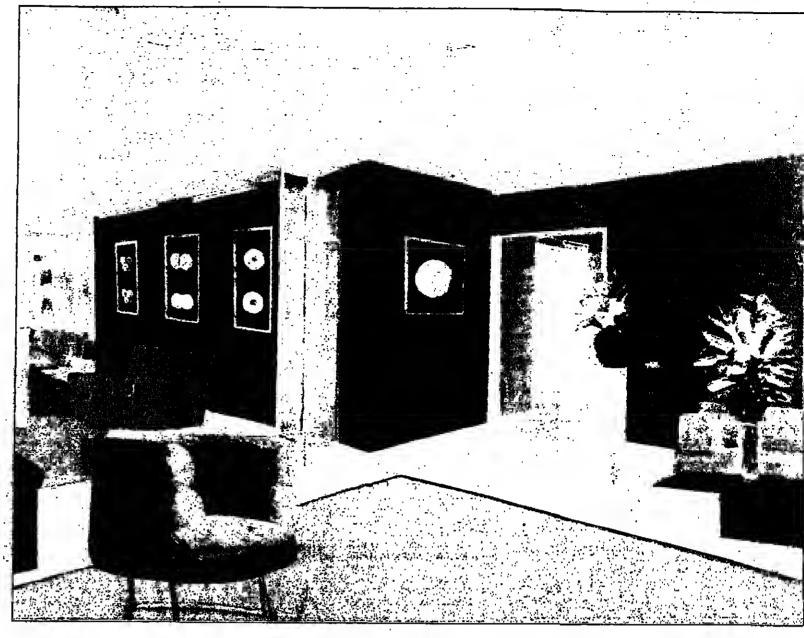
uch concerns chime with the way Martin Maloney, the show's curator, used his own house in Brixton a few years ago as an unpretentious showcase called Lost in Space, making a virtue of informality. Even now, transposed to the ICA's Regency grandeur, much of the art still seems suited to a home rather than a museum. Jane Brennan's irritatingly cute panel paintings of beads, lotus flowers or mistletoe seem devoid of any impulse other than a vapid desire to indulge in faux-naif prettiness. She lacks the feistiness shown by Maloney himself, who dares to brandish his childlike handling of oil paint on a canvas of monumental proportions. Taking his cue from Poussin's The Choice of Hercules, he updates the mythological scene by showing three figures par-tying to the blare of a ghenoblaster. Stripped down to a pair of bulging trunks, with a towel flung racily over one tanned shoulder, the man in the centre grins at the blonde beside him. She looks as rapacious as the brunette with the bare midriff on the other side. The frieze-like design possesses a Poussin-like classicism, but

Maloney cultivates gaucheness. The only other artist with Maloney's chutzpah is the American Steven Gontarski. Yet even in his rampant copulation sculpture called Wife.



Jun Hasegawa displays her dreamy comic-book style in Lewis. BELOW LEFT: I Love Black Music by Gary Webb. RIGHT: David Thorpe's

Paisley Park

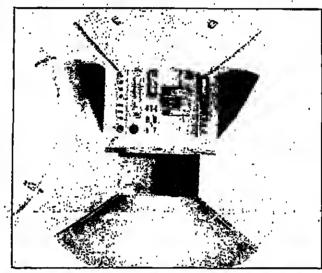




oddly tender severed head of Mule by Caroline Warde. RIGHT: Apollo 12 by Dexter Dalwood. who typifies the mood of exhibition by avoiding openly

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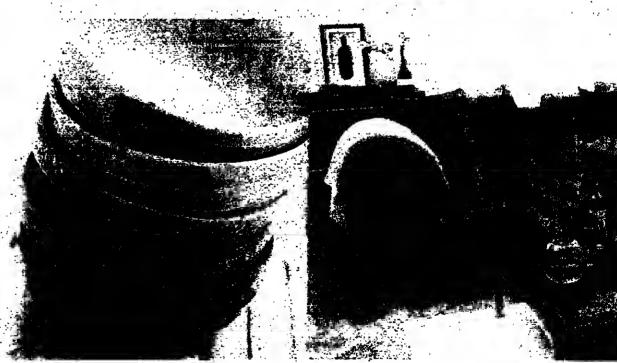


RIGHT: Jane Brennan's Nightingale typical virtue

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age arousal in the viewer. Imprisoned in their glistening straitjackets, these disconsolate lovers are akin to Sarah Lucas's Bunny, the kapokstuffed figure who was the most forlorn exhibit in last year's Sensation survey at the

Royal Academy. Far from presenting an outright alternative to Sensarion

show. Die Young Stay Pretty intersects with the earliexhibition. Charles Saatchi has acquired work by several of the artists displayed here, and he includin Sensation two of the strongest artists now at the ICA: Maloney and Peter Davies. The Hot One Hundred,

Davies's wittiest exhibit at the Royal Academy, relied for its impact on a written list of Davies's favourite artists. Here he leaves words behind to manipulate multicoloured stripes, cubes or white spirals on a black ground.

In his fascination with stridently decorative abstraction, Davies stands apart from his fellow exhibitors. For the overriding thrust of this show is allied with representation, even if the images are filtered through the mass-market culture of television, newspaper photographs and fanzine illustrations. David Thorpe's artshop paper pictures look like period record covers, with a hint of old-fashioned psychedelia in their heightened col-our oppositions. But the apocalyptic-sounding Ready to Burn turns out to be no more incendiary than three sky-scrapers glowing orange against a pale pink sunset.

Michael Raedecker first impressed me with his contribu-tions to Loose Threads at the Serpentine Gallery, where minimal interiors took

on a stark, alienat-No trace ed emptiness. Now himself more clearof blood ly with his native Dutch tradition by moving out into the or bodies landscape. there is nothing can be consolatory about his vision of the found natural world. Haze explores a bleak panorama,

here ? its glacial desolation punctuated only by a few rocks, some perfunctory bushes and an isolated tree.

Here, if anywhere, is an artist whose bleakness begins to justify the exhibition's injunction to die. Caroline Warde's severed head of a mule might be stumbled upon in a similarly benighted place. Her model-ling of this painted resin sculp-

ture is, however, more tender than harsh. She commands a quiet strangeness that compares favourably with the other sculptor in the show, Gary Webb. Intoxicated by combining Perspex, glass, plastic fruit, paper and acrylic paint. in order to make a form reminiscent of a Christmas candle with streamers, he succeeds merely in producing a concoction as wearisome as its title:

t is left to the solitary video to sum up the show's dual obsession with morbidity and narcissism. The young gay man in Teeth, Toes and Contact Lenses, by Shaun Roberts and Gilbert McCarragher, swings feverishly between manic anxiety and prolonged self-absorption. His careful ablutions centre repeatedly on extensive scrutiny in the mirror. Towards the end, the man sinks grimly beneath the surface of his bath-water. But the threatened suicide turns out to be an illusion. Prettiness tri-umphs in his beguilingly candlelit world; and death is put

● Die Young Stay Pretty is at the ICA (0171-930 0493) until Jan 10

AROUND THE CALLERIES

THE competence of Mark Shields as a painter is undoubted. But in this show he goes beyond mere technical mastery. His small portraits capture a sense of mystery too. of half-remembered faces and moods. But it is the landscapes which most enchant. Like gleaming fragments of a Corot canvas lovingly lifted from their context, they distil the mingled sentiments of sadness and joy to which any Romantic will only too easily respond.

Grosvenor Gallery, 18 Albemarle St. London WI (0171-629 0891) until Nov 27

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and the Prince of Wales, Hugh Buchanan appears less representational, more meditative in his new work. Computer-generated images, screenprinted on to board and then painted over create strange hybrid scenes in which the ancient guards the gateway to the innovative. Behind the visionary images, Buchanan is posing serious questions about the nature of our architectural landscape and its legacy.

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Fun on a London bus

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VIENNA PHILHARMONIC: The venerable Austrian orchestra makes a velocorre visit here under the baton of Latvian maestro Marriss Janeons. On the programms are Carl Maria von Weber's overhure to Coron, Richard Strause's Alto sprach Zarathustra, and Dvorak's Eighth Symphony. Pestival Hatil (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 7.30pm. (2)

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THE STORM: Susan Lynch, Meggie Steed and Tom Mannion star in a revival of Ostrovalry's 1859 drama of a stifling, passionless marriage. Hepte Macdonald directs.

Almeida (0171-359 4404). Opens tonight, 7pm. (5)

CLIFF RICHARD: The ever-youthful entertainer celebrates 40 exciting years in showbix with a series of con-certs leaturing hits from his long car-eer and songs from his recent album. Albert Half (0171-589 8212). ng concert tonight, 8pm. 🔊 THE BEST OF TIMES: The Bridewell Theatre's engyable programme of Jeny Herman songs from La Cage azu Foles, Mana, Mack & Mabel and H-kio, Dolly transfers to the West End. Cast includes Kathryn Evans. Vaudeville (0171-836 9987). Opens tooloft.

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Co's five plays/four weeks season
continues with Adnan Pagan's look at
Earls Court rent boys. Winner of the Verity Bargate Award. Pleasance (0171-609 1800). Opens tonight, Spm. Until November 22.

ELSEWHERE

MANCHESTER: The veteran pianis Alfred Brendel brings his refined touch to beer on a programme of



Mariss Jansons conducts Strauss at the RFH

me sonates by Schubert, Mozart and Haydn. Bridgewater Hall (0151-907 9000). Tonight, 7.30pm. (3)

SHEFFIELD: Michael Grandage's lively cast for Twelfth Niight includes Ian Bartholomaw, Jersmy Chyde, Una Stubbs and Malcolm Sinclair. Crudible (0114 27(9922). Opens tonight, 7.30pm, Trill December 5.5)

SOUTHAMPTON: Glyndebourne Touring Opera descende here for the week with two performances of Graham Veck's acclaimed production of Cost tan lutte. Hender's Riccleinda and Jonathan Dove's new Flight follows. Mayflowing (01703 711811). Tonight, 7.15pm.

NEW WEST END SHOWS

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MY BOY: Tom Conti in John Dowle's short comedy giving Joseph's side of the Jesus story. Press release calls it "enchanting Richmond (0181-940 0088). CRIMES OF THE HEART: Amanda Boxer plays one of the three sisters in Both Henley's Putitzer Prazewming family drama, revived by David Gilmora. [Ging's Head (0171-226 1916). (5) LOVE UPON THE THRONE; The

National Theatre of Brent takes us through the courtship of Chas and Or, Intensely comical and touching. Comedy (0171-369 1731). ☐ HALF MOON: Set in a Fitzrovis pub during the Falklands war, Jack Shepherd's new play looks at what happens to pacifists and dissenters when the rest of society wants to

Southwark Playhouse (0171-620 3494).

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a sharp eye and a cutting tongue to the current scene. Playhouse (0171-839 4401). INTO THE WOODS: Sondheim's wonderfully nightmarish take on lavourite fairylates. John Crowley directs the winter musical.

THE INVENTION OF LOVE: John Whool plays the aged A.E. Housman witting his early soff in Torn Stop-pard's gittering play, Transfer for Richard Eyra's National production. Theatre Royal, Haymarket (0171-930 secon 63.

In AMADEUS; David Suchet plays Salieri with Michael Sheen as Mozart in Peter Half's strongly cest produc-tion of the Shafter play. Old Vic (0171-928 7618). THE MAN WHO THINKS HE'S IT: As a study in embarrasement Stave Coogan has no equal, A dizzyingly inventive show that's rather heavy o inventive show that's rather into the tollet human

m (0171-656 1800).

FILMS ON GENERAL RELEASE

Geoff Brown's choice of the latest movies

NEW RELEASES

BLADE [18]: Extravagant, jumbled honor fantasy, fun for a time, with Wesley Snipes as the vampire-furning action hero from the pages of Marvel Comics, With Slephen Bort. Director, Stephen Neuropoles.

FEAR AND LOATHING IN LAS journalist on a drugs binge in 1971, With Johnny Depp and Benicio Del

HENRY FOOL (18): Uncouth vagabond shakes up dysfunctional New Jersey hamlly. Whamsical epic from Hal Hardey, with soma great moments. With Thomas Jay Plyan, James Urboniak, and Parker Posey.

HOPE FLOATS (PG): Can Sendre Bullock survive the collapse of her manage? Do we care? Predictable drama, with Harry Connick Jr. Director, Forest Whiteker.

INSOMNIA (15): Homicide cop with frayed nerves tries to solve a teenage gu's murder. Clever and atmospheric Norwoglan thriller. With Stellan Skorsgård; director, Enk Skjoldbjærg.

CLASSICAL

CONCERTS

LEFT LUGGAGE (PG): Superficial and unbelievable drama about coming to terms with the Holocaust. Laura Fraser, miscast, stars, Directed by actor Jeroen Krabbé.

THE ODD COUPLE II (15): Midly amusing but unnecessary sequel, with Walter Mattheu and Jack Lemmon as the mismatched pair

ANTZ (PG): Neurotic ant finds himself a war hero, Ingenious computer-generated animation, matched to the voices of Woody Allen, Sharon Stone

MY NAME IS JOE (15): Reformed Glasgow alcoholic begins an awkward romance with a healthcare ker. Impassioned merval from director Ken Loach.

PRIMARY COLORS (15): John Travolte's Presidential cendidate runs into sex scandals. Very polished litical satire, outstripped by recent entil. With Emme Thompson.

SMALL SOLDIERS (PG): Action ligures implanted with US Defence department chips give suburble a heard time, inventive tamily film laced with adult switte.

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Fare idea of the city

TYPICAL: you wait ages for a site specific art event and then three come along together. That, and other poor bus-related jokes, are all you can expect really, since the first of Artangel's Innercity commissions took place on one of London's beloved Routemasters. In Surface Noise Robin Rim-

baud, aka Scanner, did six trips an evening in a double-decker equipped with a mixing deck, very loud speakers and a bunch of passengers. As modes of transport went it failed miserably; the trip took an hour, cost twice as much as a travel card, and the use of mobile phones or consumpnon of a cheese sandwich would probably have resulted in a spiritual knifing. But that,

of course, was not the point. As an art experience Surface Noise was crazily concept-heavy. The sounds and music mixed on the bus route were the result of Scanner's walk through the city on November 4, his route based on laying the sheet music to London Bridge is Falling Down over a map of the city. At the points where notes from the music fell across his map. Scanner took photographs with a digital camera and made record-ings with a DAT machine and devices which allowed him to eavesdrop on, for instance, mobile phone conversations. The



resulting visual images were fed into a computer which translated them into sounds, and these Scanner mixed in with the DAT recordings while sitting on the bus. Each trip had a different live remix. and hence a different feel.

The actual experience, though, bore almost no relation to the theory that created it. What Surface Noise did, was to provide a soundtrack through a living city. Gradually the journey began to feel like sitting Inside a film; in the half-light of street lamps, the familiar outlines of London took on a peculiar resonance. A half-finished car park developed an unexpected, ethereal beauty, the closed funfair beneath St Paul's looked curious-Sinister, and the two vintage Citroens parked behind Waterloo station suggested a larger,

It was fun trying to decipher which sounds had been born of which pictures -- was that noise like someone hitting the bottom of a plastic dustbin really a response to the visual stimulus of the Houses of Parliament? Above all it was interesting, if a little Truman Showesque, to make the step from seeing film as real life to seeing real life as film.

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t the entrance to the warned against Joanne Pearce's gold tinsel wig. She

(Redmond) as she passes her unwelcomed 40th birthday. She and schoolfriend Jackie

(Pearce) have come to Butlin's

to revisit the carefree past

when they were Rollerettes, and they bring with them. I

never understood why, the per-

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short dark tunnel herself, last seen struggling against kinder fates in RSC that leads into this theatre a notice productions of Cymbeline and Little Eyolf, quickly decides warns patrons: "This play contains language, behaviour and clothing which some may conthat here she has met her sider offensive." Who could match and removes the horriturn back now? Anyone capafying object seconds after tryble of being offended by any ing it on. But the damage has branch of human language or been done. When next we see behaviour ceased coming to her as Olivia, Viola, Petunia the theatre 20 years ago, but and other canonical heroines clothing? That's another area we shall remember the wig. The play charts the rite of entirely. What would Catherine Johnson's glam rock nostalpassage undergone by Pauline

gia play throw at our delicate The tartan-trimmed jeans worn by the two members of a Bay City Rollers tribute band are crazy but comical. Nicola Redmond's leopardskin platforms may cause some dismay. But I think we are being

manently drunk and raucous ters, but this does not mean an THERE'S a funny smell in here," says Jean's only friend Dawn, taking in the filthy Kilburn bedsitter Jean inhabits when not toiling at the till in the filling station or picking up worthless men. The Baby Belling in the background looks un-washed, and Martini and lager probably contribute a whith but the essence of this smell is decayed feelings and rotting hopes, Jeremy Kingston writes.

Three evenings in the life of Jean is what Mike Leigh reveals for us in this 1979 play, revived by About Face well enough to deserve its enthusiastic reception. But Jean, Dawn and their men make depressing company for two and a half hours. One reason for this is that they are supremely boring people. Yet this is the lesser reason, because bores can be made dramatically interesting if artful things are done with them.

The trouble with Ecstasy is that for all but one minute in the final quarter of an hour the company converses in small talk. It is absolutely deliberate on Leigh's

LONDON APOLLO Harring

THEATRE

Ona McCracken, Nicola Redmond and Joanne Pearce as a Rollers-Royce frontline in Catherine Johnson's Shang-a-Lang

Take a little love

No way to

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part. Over and over again the slobbish.

Roy (Patrick Davey, who also directs)

asks Jean if she feels all right, and each

time she answers "Yuh" in her listless

voice. The repetitions are not because he

does not believe her replies, for he has no

interest in her feelings unless they delay

him getting her body under him on the

pink candlewick bedspread. But in utter-

ing this ooe inquiry he has reached the

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limit of his conversational foreplay.

Shang-a-Lang Bush, W12

Lauren (Ona McCracken) who is anybody's for anything. They tangle themselves with the two musicians, a coarsely bitter Peter Jonfield and a coarsely enthusiastic Stephen Graham, and what begins in dreams ends in tears, rows and a midnight stare at reality while slumped against the feet of a giant Teletubble (the yellow one). That Johnson chooses this ludicrous setting for a moment of truth is evidence of

her detachment from the seri-

ously awful lives of her charac-

Nothing fazes the Bush designers (here Geoff Rose again) and action moves swiftly between chalet, pool, dance floor

absence of fellow-feeling, and

it comes with far-reaching

knowledge of street talk and

the music scene (she is current-

Benny on the Abba musical).

Mike Bradwell's production

vorks the usual wonders on

this bedsitter-sized space,

working with Björn and

and Laa-laa. Pearce's perform-ance catches the anxiety of a woman longing for fun but unable to forget domestic obedi-ence and she makes up an enjoyable double-act with Redmond's unmarried barmaid, her heart in tatters, still seriously looking for comfort in a teenage daydream.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Nor is Jean one to return the ball of chatter over the net. Sharon Swyer sits in her armchair with her legs in the classicalstop the rot ly ungainly posture of heels apart, toes together. Her lank bair discourages caressing, and eye contact is as foreign to her as the exotic cities Kilburn's streetnames commemorate: Smyrna Road, Messina Avenue. Swyer's body language tells us all we need to know about this poor, discouraged soul. and until Leigh gives her that closing, weepy confession her dialogue merely adds more of the same.

Likewise Dawn (Tara Ellis) gabbing on about her kids, and husband Mick (Scott Baker), reeling around the room as the impromptu party moves on to drunken snogging. This is cleverly done, with the pair of them discovering the joys of groping while Love Me Tender drones on in the background and Jean and the apologetic Len (Jeremy Fowlds) avert their eyes. But the awfulness of awful lives, however comical, makes for a long evening.

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YOU probably saw them in a pub in Fitzrovia last night. They are the seedy bunch of arty never-has-beens with a Homeric capacity to drink and far too much to say. They waffle nostalgically about the artist friend they have just buried. They polish their jaded egos, start drinking doubles. then argue about Scottish nadonalism, ageing, the desire for sex, and their incapacity to perform it. Mostly middleclass and down at heel, they are self-deceiving alcoholics. If their bar stools could talk they would tell them to go home and get a life.

Jack Shepherd's baggy. formless new play is a slice of pub life so real and thick with atmosphere that you feel like unwilling eavesdroppers rather than an audience. Set in 1982 on the eve of the Falk-lands war, Half Moon manages the extraordinary feat of indulging its lacklustre clientele without itself being indulgent, or remotely lacklustre. Like his previous best work. In Lambeth and Chasing The Moment, it's a fabulous tram-

poline for actors.
With his shoulder-length grey hair and worldweary ways. Ralph Watson's failed writer. Roy. holds wobbly superiority over his bohemian friends. He makes fumbling passes at Eileen Battye's bar-

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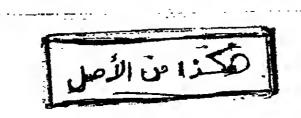
room vamp. Kathleen, and talks bitterly of renal failure. Andrew Neil's pompous Eric bores for the BBC, throws his hands about, and tries to palm off his pornography collection as art. Twitching with disgust, Billy McColl's venomous Glaswegian, Rory, beefs about English colonialism. And David Kerby-Kendall's gay Chris vainly acts as peacemaker. Meanwhile, like some smouldering eigarette which refuses to be extinguished, Jackie Everett's gin-soaked Elvira coolly finishes other people's drinks and harks back to the golden years of postwar binges.

It is Liam Hourican's blunt young artist Nick who throws fuel over the scenario. With war looming and conscription a faint possibility, he attacks the cowardice of these parilies who still think their opinions and shallow pacifist principles count for something. That it adds up to a peerless piece of observation rather than a play is Shepherd's way of saying this is the stuff of life, not art. Yet there's nothing haphazard about the raw emotions that spill from these characters. Each is a lovingly real, terribly flawed jigsaw piece in an increasingly tense evening. A stiff aperitif is recommended.

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Kamlesh Bahl aims to be President of the Law Society by 2000. Interview by Frances Gibb

amlesh Bahl is still furning over last week's pre-launch leak of her plans for a new, tough equality law. The leak - the suspect is an MP took the edge off her swansong, the climax of two years' consultation and hard work. But the press report, which indicated government support, seems to have backfired; and Whitehall found itself backpedalling to deny backing for the

measures at this stage. "That's what happens when you spin," Ms Bahl remarked wryly. "It couldn't have happened to nicer people."

Nonetheless, the package of reforms proposing a new super-equality law in place of existing outdated discrimination and equal pay laws is a fitting tribute to her five-year tenure at the helm of the Equal Op-portunities Com-

mission. She leaves later this month. She is the Her decision to go a few months early model is typically singleminded: elected in July as deputy Vice-President of the for the Law Society, she solicitor the profession. in The

She admits to the goal of the presidency in 2000. She Archers would be the first woman leader of the 70,000-strong solicitors' profession in Eng-

land and Wales. "With some key changes coming up, it is a very exciting time for the pro-fession. I believe the Law Society needs to be strong, robust and proactive in this debate."

Ms Bahl, 42, is already regarded as a breath of fresh air among solicitors. Equal treatment is a passion, born of personal experience of discrimination. When she emerged with a 2.1 law degree from Birmingham University, she applied to 250 law firms for a job. All rejected her. Both her sex, and her race - she is Kenyan Asian - counted against her. "At one interview the man looked up, saw my face and said, 'Oh, sorry, I think your

interview was yesterday." But she is not the archetypal feminist. The model for Usha

HEADHUNTERS should

get busy. Dame Barbara Mills, QC, former Director

of Public Prosecutions, is

still looking for a new job.

And she has even signed

on for a computer course:

"I'm going to be online, on

message, on everything."

the criminal courts.

Another high-profile woman in the justice

system, Heather Hallett, QC, is ponder-

ing what she'll do when her time as Bar

Council chief ends, admitting she is not

relishing the prospect of going back to the

grind of prosecuting and defence work in

■ THE BAR COUNCIL has relaxed its

advertising rules so chambers can now de-

scribe themselves as "leading" sets. The

move follows this column's revelation in

March that several sets, including the

former chambers of the Lord Chancellor.

Lord Irvine of Lairg, at 11 King's Bench Walk, were breaching the rules by using

Gupta, the solicitor in The Archers, the Radio 4 soap opera, she admits to being variously called "a Conservative activist" and " a new Labour acolyte". So her politics, she says, are "a moveable feast". Either way, she defies simplistic labelling, although she is no leftwinger and was John Major's personal choice for the commission job. But she went on to take up causes such as the minimum wage and equality law reforms opposed

by that administration. The task then was a different one: she recalls the scorn poured over the commission five years ago, when its concerns were considered to be fringe or politically correct nonsense. There has been a dramatic change in people's at-titudes," she comments. "People are not now so cynical; they genuinely find

inequality unacceptable. The commission, and the idea of equal treatment, have become mainstream. This. I think, is our big-gest achievement." She is now very

 she was appointed CBE last year. although her background has always been Establishment (her uncle

was Chief Justice in Kenya and her father, who brought the family to Britain in the 1960s, a civil servant). But in the early days she had to shake off the "loony Left" label and inevitably drew criticism from idealists.

Her approach has been pragmatic. No soundbite feminist, she makes statements that are authoritative - and founded on detailed research. She set about, for instance, assembling hard data to prove the business case for equality. to show that equal treatment pays: and that discrimination can be costly. "When I came, everyone said -- but equal treatment costs money."

She has also sought to carry employers' organisations along with any plans for reform. As a result, the commission has won respect across

cess rate.



ments, from the wirning of employment rights for 80,000 part-time workers, equal pension rights for men and wornen, a code of practice on equal pay, proposals for childcare reform and the lifting of the limit on compensation in employment tribunals - a move that forced employers to realise they could not longer discriminate with impunity. "Employers had to change their attitude, to go into prevention mode, whereas before they thought they could take the

business risk of a fine of £1,000 to £2,000 or so." Now she says there must be a shift from using the law to fight discrimination to a positive promotion of equal treatment for men and women. Despite its image, the commission has always helped men (the unequal pensions age) and recently did research into why girls were so outstripping boys at school. But historically, discrimination has been

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about the quality of their work and the size or suc-

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■ A NEW political/legal husband-and-wife team has emerged in the mould of Henry Hodge and his MP wife Margaret, and Tony Blair and Cherie Booth, QC.

The new kids on the block are the MP

Keith Vaz, now parliamentary private sec-

retary to the government law officers, and

his wife Maria Fernandes. Mr Vaz has

been in the political limelight for many

years. His wife, who specialises in immi-

gration law, is now making her mark at the Law Society. Recently appointed as the Council member for ethnic minority

now been lifted, although

law to bring about a change in attitude. Now we must build on that, so that equal treatment is at the heart of what employers and the Government do. We need to have a mature debate about ensuring that equality for women is not at the expense of men and balanc-

ing home and work."
She and her husband (a sole practitioner GP) have chosen not to have children; but despite a heavy diary of engage-ments and dinners, she is learning the harmonica with her husband and taking singing lessons. At work, she is turning her skills to the solicitors' profession. She wants to boost their image, talk to law firms and tackle government plans for legal aid contracts, which she fears will discriminate against many small (and ethnic minority) firms. Solicitors, she argues, play a crucial role as guardians of individuals' rights. "I want to make sure their voices are heard."

solicitors. Ms Fernandes is leading a campaign to persuade Lord Irvine to give ethnic minority solicitors more time to prepare for his legal aid reforms. Last week she held a meeting on the issue which was attended by more than 200 solicitors.

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■ PAUL BOATENG is back. The legal profession breathed a collective sigh of relief when the fiery MP, who was Labour's legal affairs spokesman in opposition, be-came a Health Minister after the general election. But it wasn't counting on the Ron Davies affair. Mr Boateng, who threatened to refer the profession to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and force solicitors to do pro bono work, has replaced Alun Michael, the new Welsh Sec-retary, at the Home Office. Last week the Home Office said its new minister had been given special responsibility for criminal justice policy, a move that will do nothing to ease tension between the Lord Chancellor's Department and the Home Office over who should set the legal agenda.

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Does it matter if 247 judges are Masons?

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n 1889 Lord Justice Bowen suggest-ed in a Court of Appeal judgment that "judges, like Caesar's wife, should be above suspicion". But even judges have human rights, one of which is protection against unjustifiable invasions of privacy. The Government's decision that they should declare whether they are Preemasons is impossible to justify, and may become unlawful once the Human Rights Act is implemented.

In March 1997 the House of Commons Home Affairs Select Committee recommended that judges, magistrates, Crown prosecutors and police officers be re-quired to register Masonic membership in a form accessible to the public, even though it found no evidence of Masonic corruption or malign influence on judi-

cial proceedings. Its con-cern related to public perception that Freemasonry is a secret society, leading to "wild, unjustified allegations of abuse".

After a battle between Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, who wanted to implement an obliga-tion of disclosure by the judiciary, and the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, who did not the Government in February declared that all judges and magistrates would be asked voluntarily to declare whether they are Free-masons. Mr Straw add-

ed that, in future, such a declaration would be a condition of appointment to such offices.

In faithful implementation of this policy. Lord frvine wrote at the end of July to more than 5,000 judges, asking them voluntarily to declare (for the purposes of a public register) whether they are Freema-sons. The Lord Chancellor's Depart-ment has now announced that 247 judges have admitted to being Freemasons, and 64 have declined to answer.

At the end of October, Lord Saville of Newdigate, a law lord, expressed publicly an opinion voiced privately by most judges: the policy is an unjustified invasion of privacy that serves only to undermine public confidence in the independence of the judiciary. That is the view of the limited number of judges who are Freemasons. But it is also the opinion of those of us, including Lord Saville, who have no interest in spending our evenings practising peculiar handshakes.

Requiring new judges to state whether they are Freemasons, and encourag-

ing existing judges to do so, is undoubtedly an invasion of privacy. Personal privacy is essential to our autonomy as human beings, whatever job we do. The Lord Chancellor would not normally expect candidates for judicial office to tell the public about their religious beliefs, political views or sexual preferences as the price of appointment to the Bench. It is, in general, a matter for me (and my family) whether 1 spend my leisure hours in the golf club, the Garrick Club or Arsenal Football Club.

On occasions, as Milton wrote, when "to the public good, private respects must yield". But what public good can justify the invasion of privacy? The Home Secretary's reasoning is that "membership of secret societies can raise

suspicions of a lack of impartiality or objectivity". But this is to pander to ill-informed prejudice. If, as the select committee found after exhaustive inquiries, there is no evidence of improper Masonic influences on judicial decisions, members of the public should be reassured that there is no reason for concern.

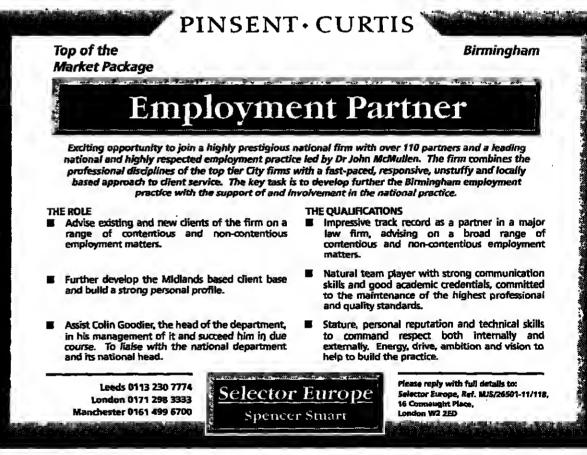
It is perverse falsely to imply to the supposedly concerned public that there is a problem about Preemasonry that needs exceptional measures not taken in relation to any other activity. The public should simply be told that

our judges have a variety of private interests, there is no reason to doubt that they put such interests aside when judging cases, and they are selected for appointment precisely because they are able to adjudicate in an independent manner.

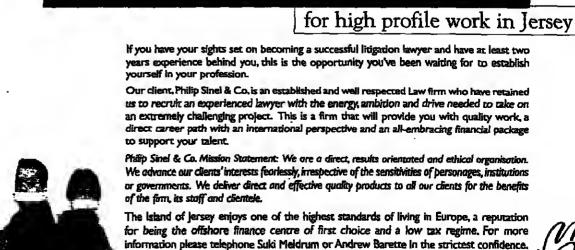
It is hard to understand how a register will reassure members of the public suf-fering from ill-informed concern. To suggest that they should be comforted by the fact that only 247 judges admit to being Freemasons would wrongly imply that there is something so dishonourable about being a Freemason that a larger judicial membership would be troubling.

The Government's policy is hard to re concile with the guarantee in the Europe an Convention on Human Rights that privacy must be protected against un-justifiable interference. It would be ironic indeed if, when the Human Rights Act is implemented, one of the first successful cases were brought by the judiciary.

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Make 'em laugh, milord

Lord Irvine is displaying a real sense of humour. Is this the end of jokes about Wolsey and wallpaper? Frances Gibb reports on spinning the Lord Chancellor

all it a charm offensive or skilled-spindoctoring: either way. Lord Irvine of Lairg. the Lord Chancellor, is a new man. Last week he appeared before MPs in the Commons Home Affairs Committee and gave an accomplished performance; not e whisper over wallpaper or a hint of DIY.

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He fielded questions com-fortably, defused potential conflict by admitting to changes of heart and mastered even the odd "googly" - his word with ease. Only once was he acwith case. Only once was ne accused of being on the defensive. "I thought I was being rather eloquent," he joked.
Yet a year ago Lord Irvine was likened to Cardinal Wol-

sey, the butt of media ridicule and generator of many column inches over the £650,000 refurbishment of his apartments. He had become the hate figure in the new Government; the le-gal profession disowned him; his Whitehall department officials found him abrasive and patronising. Cabinet col-leagues overbearing. Some resented his power and closeness to Tony Blair. Earlier this year his reputation seemed to reach its nadir when 100 Labour MPs tabled an early day motion seeking to curb the Lord Chancellor's powers and cre-

ate a Ministry of Justice. What has changed? First, Garry Hart arrived. A solicitor and friend of Tony Blair and Lord Irvine, he gave up his lucrative practice at the law firm Herbert Smith to help as the latter's political adviser-cum-PR strategist. Even Lord Irvine himself - in what was then a rare joke at his own expense — remarked that turning his image around might

be "a task too far". But Hart is that rare thing. a public servant who feels free to tell his master what he should do. And Lord Irvine is inclined to listen. Hart, who has a natural wit, set about inducting his friend into the world of politics, explaining he could expect some rough treatment, and that not every mistake needed a 2,000-word letter to an editor. He also sought to exploit what he sees as Lord Irvine's genuine sense of humour. A friend says: "Garry told him You're stuck with Cardinal Wolsey and wallpaper. Turn it to your advantage. Instead of letting them make the jokes, you make them'."

So the jokes crept in. The Lord Chancellor began to enjoy making them, even if his delivery could be more finely tuned. To his delight, he found he could win over audiences. One official makes the point that it is not just a question of a makeover, the raw material has to be there too.

The jokes gave Lord Irvine a human face. Press coverage improved - most recently with a flattering profile in The

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he said that turning around his image might be 'a task too far'

Sunday Times. But they have a more serious purpose, defu-sing potential media fire so that attention can be focused on the huge programme of constitutional and justice reforms that he is masterminding.

There, too, things got off on a bad footing. His anti-lawyer speech at Cardiff last autumn, detailing plans to dismantle civil legal aid, had seemed a winner. But it alienated not only the legal profession but also consumer groups.

Lord Irvine had arrived raw to government, to predictions that he would be the lawyer's friend and no match for Lord Mackay of Clashfern, his predecessor, in reforming zeal. He intimated as much, displaying sympathy with their concerns over the previous Government's plans for legal aid. But once in office, he seemed deter-

mined to prove otherwise. He then poured salt in the wound with his "far cats" attack on top-earning lewyers. The pro-fession got to work and months of negotiations have paid off. Lord Irvine, the advocate, did listen to argument, and the force of what was said by lawyers, consumer groups and not a few Labour MPs prevailed. The withdrawal of civil legal aid has been delayed.

The constitutional front has proved another jousting ground. Lord Irvine fanned media fears that the Human Rights Bill, perhaps this Government's most important piece of legislation, would create a privacy law by the back door. As the press turned its attention to Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary. Lord Irvine seized the spotlight back by saying there was no public interest in Cook's marriage and sug-gesting the Press Complaints Commission operate to block publication of such stories.

That debate has moved on. The Human Rights Act is on the statute book, although not yet in force. Now attention is on its broader impact and on other reforms, such as that of the House of Lords, and freedom of information measures. In all, Lord Irvine has a central role.

It may not be plain sailing. The Modernisation of Justice Bill, which will sweep away the last of lawyers' monopolies, will stir opposition; and a tribunal case is pending in which Lord Irvine may have to give evidence in person — over Hart's appointment and allegations of discrimination. But the mood is generally

conciliatory. Lord Irvine recently applauded the community legal work done by "some of the finest solicitors and barristers in this country' - who did not become rich, he added. The past year has been bruising. Both wallpaper and Woisey have probably run their course and he can get on with the business of government. It is on this, he would argue, that he should be judged. The likelihood is that he now will be.



So the jokes crept in: but Lord Irvine of Lairg still needs to fine-tune his delivery

Russia: not above the law yet

Will international law firms bale out of Moscow? Edward Fennell reports

The Russian economy may still have a sore head from August's banking crisis, but it seems to be stepping back from collapse. The rouble has stabilised and what's left of the banking sector has started to function again. Capital markets.

though, are very quiet.

As Horst Kohler, the President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, pointed out in its soon to be published Law in Transition, the ponderous progress of legal reform plays its part in Russian difficulties. "We are now wimessing, in the ongoing financial

crisis in Russia, the severe consequences of delays in implementing institutional reform," he said, "While not the primary cause of the crisis, the lack of a sufficiently transparent and en-forceable legal environment has contributed to and exacerbat-

Because of the current problems the market for legal services has shrunk fast. And, as in a poker

ed its effects."

game, it is the outlits with the deepest pockets and the greatest self-belief who are left in the field. Though there are Ameri-can, British and German law firms in Moscow, they cannot all survive. Many of the large British outfits such as Allen & Overy have been making staff changes, while others have been redeploying people to other duties or offices. Some small US firms have already closed their offices. As Bruce Bean, a US lewyer in the Moscow office of Clifford Chance, puts it: "A lot of the smaller firms out here never made any profits from their Moscow practices, so why should they bother to stay when there is

no sign that things will improve for at least e year or two?" By leaving the field, the smaller Western practices are making life easier for the big outfits that are committed to remaining. Clifford Chance has maintained its staffing levels, although it has switched some of its lawyers away from capital markets to-wards litigation. Cases ere now being taken up and successfully

pursued through the Russian

courts and partners have chalked up a string of successes — especially in cases connected with agribonds. John Holmes, the managing part-ner, says: 'We have no fears about Western businesses get-ting justice from Rus-

sian judges."
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authorities." Eversheds has the advantage of being linked to the AML edvocates bureau, one of the biggest local Russian law firms. An Eversheds lawyer will supervise litigation, but the work will be largely done by a Russian lawyer.

But litigation is not the only source of work. With the rouble so cheap, Western investors are starting to seize the opportunity. Mr Bean says: "I've had British, Spanish and US investors coming through in the last few days. They've seen manufacturing opportunities and are investing. think they're getting good deals."

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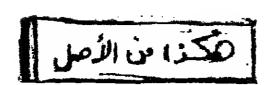
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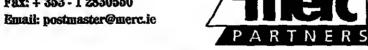
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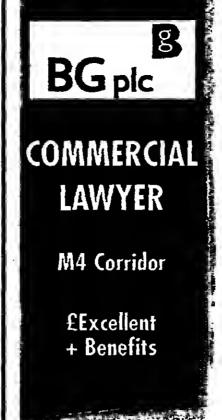
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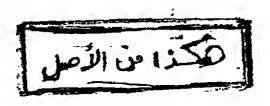
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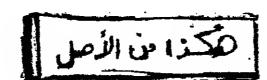
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s the House of Lords ponders whether the English courts have jurisdiction over General Augusto Pinochet, the case is being watched closely by a group of people around the world who may not be as well known as Chile's former leader but whose very names soll inspire fear.

Though the legal process here has focused on the issue of sovereign immunity, it has prompted a flurry of speculation about the wider possibilides of prosecuong inter-nationally those poliocal and military leaders who have committed mass murder, torture and other crimes against humanity.

The principle of national sovereignty and the machinations of realpolitik have conspired to ensure that since the Second World War mass killers and lorturers have generally enjoyed impunity.

Despite the agreement over the past half century of international treaties that place a duty on states to protect human rights and to pre-vent and punish crimes against humanity, the terrible paradox remains that the gravest crimes of all are also among the easiest for which to escape justice.

The perpetrator of a simple assault is more likely to be convicted than a man responsible for mass torture. Those responsible for kill-ing one human being are also more likely to be brought to justice than those who commit genocide.

But now that may all be about to change. Pinocher's arrest in London on October 16 was only the latest in an unprecedented series of recent developments in holding those who commit crimes against humanity internationally accountable.

In an historic judgment in Sep-tember, Jean Kambanda, the former Rwandan Prime Minister, and Jean Paul Akayesu were found guilty of genocide by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda based in Tanzania. After more than ten arrests in 1998, almost half the people known to have been indicted for war crimes and crimes against humanity in the former Yugoslavia have now been brought before the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague. Perhaps most



Pinning down Pinochet: growing possibilities of international prosecution

significantly of all, in July in Rome 120 states approved the founding treaty for a permanent international criminal court with jurisdiction over war crimes, genocide and other crimes against humanity.

But at the core of the Pinochet case lies the notion that you do not crime under international law. The principle has long been rec-

ognised that certain crimes are so heinous that they are subject to universal jurisdiction and can be prosecuted by the courts of any state, even if they were committed by foreign nationals on the territory of an-

In the 1962 trial of Adolf Eichmann, the German Gestapo chief responsible for administering the "final solution", the Jerusalem court established that "abhorrent crimes... are not crimes under Israeli law alone. These crimes, which struck at the whole of mankind and shocked the conscience of nations. are grave offences against the law of nations itself."

In 1973 the United Nations General Assembly adopted a set of principles which declared that all states are to co-operate with each other in the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against

The principles may have existed for a quarter century, but what is new is the will to see them enforced, The alacrity with which prosecu-iors in Spain, Switzerland and France all moved in the Pinochet case demonstrates widespread acceptance of the obligation of national authorities to bring to justice humanity -- even former heads of

In the UK, some of our international obligations under treaty hove been incorporated into domestic law. In a landmark prosecution in September last year, a Sudanese doctor now resident in Scotland was charged in connection with the torture of detainees at a secret detention centre in Khartoum in 1990. He was charged under 1988 criminal justice legislation which brought UK law in line with the UN Convention against Torture. Amnesty International believes that there is a compelling case for Pinochet to be charged under the same legislation.

Even where international law is not formally incorporated here, the barrister Murray Hunt and others have pointed to a growing recogni-tion by English courts of the obliga-don to interpret domestic law so as to be consistent with international human rights principles.

All these developments are at an early stage, but they point to a new readiness to recognise human rights as universal and the suppression of crimes against humanity as a duty shared by all states. Fifty years after the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed. the international community is starting to get tough with those who abuse human rights. The international prosecution of those who commit crimes against burnanity will not just deliver justice to vic-tims and their families who have suffered unimaginable pain. It also promises to have a powerful deterrent effect, helping to break the cycle of impunity that leads to continung violations of human rights.

Richard Goldstone, former chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, argues: "Bringing to justice those responsible for gross human rights violations could be vital to the re-establishment of peace

in a territory ravaged by war.' Knowing that they could be brought to justice anywhere for their crimes would mean that however powerful they felt now, mass killers and torturers could never look forward to a comfortable retirement, and never find a place to hide. For those planning crimes, whether in Latin America, Yugoslavia or elsewhere in the world, that may just be enough to make them

 The author is the communications director at Amnesty Interna-tional UK.

Airline accidents: fighting against the laws of gravity

says Farrol Kahn

aircraft was over Amsterdam the

doctor nooced that the symptoms

had changed. He informed the

cabin crew that Mr Krys was suffering from cardiac arrest.

Krys sued the airline. Tod Arono-

vitz, his lawyer, claimed that the airline was negligent in failing to

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judge's choice between the permis-

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nied the petition and Dr Wolf Muller-Rostin of Lufthansa is con-

vinced that the Warsaw Conven-

tion should have applied. "The de-

Lufthansa defended the case on

On his return to Miami, Mr

The Warsaw Convention is on the flipside of every air-Ine ticket, yet it is one of international travel's best-kept secrets. Few passengers realise that if they are injured or killed while travelling on an international flight, the treaty severely limits their ability to recover damages. Neither can surviving relatives succeed in winning damages un-less wilful misconduct on the part of the carrier is established.

The Warsaw Convencion is an anachronism no longer relevant to the modern needs of the airline industry. Seventy years ago, the multilateral treaty set out two primary goals. The first was to obtain a degree of uniformity with documentation, tickets and liability rules that govern aviation travel. The second was to limit the potennal liability of the infant aviation industry in accidents that involve personal injury or death to passengers in exchange for limit-ing the carrier's defences.

A major surprise was the recent \$3 million award in damages in the Krys v Lufthansa case concerning a passenger who had a heart attack during a flight. In normal circumstances, such a case is usually dismissed by judges in motions of summary judgments. For example, when a passenger's eardrum is punctured through normal air pressure changes during landing, it is not considered an accident and the convention does not apply. There has been no negligence, so the case is dismissed. Most cases involving the convention are settled out of court, by applying the

\$75,000 cap. This may now change because of the lawsuit against Lufthansa. It was won on the basis that the aircrew did not adequately attend to a passenger during an inflight emergency.

On a transatlantic flight from Miami to Frankfurt, Leonard Krys, a travel agent, became ill and manifested symptoms of a heart attack. A doctor who examined him told the flight attendant "There is nothing to worry about", and no need to make an emergency landing. Several hours later, when the

cision is incorrect", he says. This landmark case sets a prec-

Compensation is edent. The fact that a doctor vol-unteers his skill to help a sick pas-senger does not relieve an air-crew of its responsibilioes. limited for inflight incidents,

Another development is the new IATA inter-carrier agree-ment whereby damages paid out for death and injury have been raised to a minimum of \$150,000 a passenger. Previously, liability limits worked in favour of the airline and any legal challenges got bogged down for years. John Romans of Kupfer, Rosen

and Herz, New York, says: "Now the burden of proof has shifted to the opposite side, and all liability limitations, as recoverable compensation damages, are waived".

American aviation lawyers believe that the Swissair disaster off Nova Scotia on September 3 could result in the biggest payout ever to result from an air crash because of the large number of Americans involved - 136 - and

the US liogation process.

Frank Fleming of Kreindler & Kreindler, New York, says: "If the victim is a young doctor and you need to compensate the wife and children, they can expect to collect between \$8 million and \$10 million."

hould 30 per cent of the pas-sengers on Flight III fall into that category, compen-sation could exceed Pan Am's payout of £314 million after the Lockerbie disaster. Already the first US lawsuit has been filed by Jake LaMotta, whose son died in the crash, for \$50 million in com-

pensatory damages and another \$75 million in punitive damages. With such figures entering the lists at the beginning of the litigation proceedings, the final damage claims could go through the billion-dollar barrier. A big rise in aviation insurance premiums could also be expected.

With the prospect of huge litigation bills and increased insurance premiums, airlines may be forced to abandon the Warsaw Convention. Lee Kreindler says: "The truth of the matter is that the Warsaw Convention Is dead."

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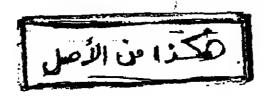
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England caught in fixture muddle

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

THE scheduling of a big our-door event during the British indoor season has caused problems for the organisers of the women's home international indoor series, which will be staged in Belfast from March 16 to 18 next year.

The announcement yesterday of the England team to play in the Atlantic Rim Games outdoors in Cape Town from March 20 to 28 revealed that five key players --Catherine Anton, Jean Baker, Katherine Hawes, Mary Price and Norma Shaw - will be missing from the team to contest the annual series in Northern Ireland. Baker has been given the singles berth, ahead

Nancie Colling, the secre-tary of England's outdoor association and the immediate past president of the International Women's Bowling Board, was quick to point out that the players will have a choice. If they prefer to go to Belfast, a further selection will

have to be made.
Hilary King, the Welsh indoor secretary, claims that the Wales indoor side will be deprived of three of their skips as well as ooe of their best leads and said: "No one told us that this outdoor event would be played at the height of the indoor season.

"It would have been nice if we had been kept informed. but there was no consultation. The whole thing is bitterly disappointing."

Wales are the holders of the Atlantic Rim title, having triumphed at home in Llandrindod Wells last year, and it is understandable that they have picked a strong side in a bid to hold on to the No I spot.

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Ferrier in a class of his own

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Matthew Pryor

reports on a schoolboy on his

way to the top

om Ferrier dreams of becoming the Formula One world champion. Like the young drivers he competes against, he craves the fame, wealth and, most of all, winning and being the best driver in the world. Ferrier is only 16. but he is heading very

"I'd love to make it to Formula One," he said. "I want to be on the starting grid at Silverstone in five or six years." Yet these are not idle dreams. He has attracted

much in the right direction.

much attention already from senior figures in motor rac-ing. Creighton Brown, the co-founder of McLaren International in 1980 and the man who brought Ayrton Senna to McLaren, is among those who say that Ferrier has phenomenal talent. "I have watched many

young drivers, including more than one who eventually became a Formula One champion, with precisely the same attributes I now see in Tom," Brown said. "When you see someone like Tom, you know he's got it. He's very very good,"

Ferrier, who lives with his parents in Bletchingly, north of Gatwick, does not come from a motor-racing family. His father, Nigel, is a successful marketing man and his mother, Sheila, is a secretary in a local private school.

His obsessioo with the sport began at his 10th birthday party, when he and a group of friends were treated to a trip to a kart track in Weybridge, Tom was immediately hooked.

Not that his school work

has since suffered. He missed only two days of schooling last year and passed ten GCSEs at Oxied County School, where be is now studying an advanced GNVQ in Business Studies. However, this year, with international commitments in his Formula



Ferrier with his car at Donington. He became booked on motor sport after a trip to a kart track on his birthday

A Karting event and Formula Opel testing, he will be away from school more often.

Ferrier's headmaster is understanding, but his mother is oot. She keeps his feet on the ground. "My mum decides where the cut-off point is between schoolwork and racing," Ferrier said.

Motor racing is not a poor man's pursuit. Ferrier Sr estimates his son's annual karting budget to be £30,000. A season in Formula Opel costs £150,000. The sport does not become profitable until you reach Formula One. Ferrier has wasted little

time making his mark. At 14.

at Silverstone, he broke the

their early twenties. He has made another huge leap in the past few months, becoming the youngest driver to compete in a Formula Opel race. He has been testing the cars and racing in the winter series with a view to more test-

> next year. Ferrier is with a first-rate team. Meritus, which has backed three champions in the past ten years. Roberto Costa, his team manager, is perhaps better qualified than

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most to guide the youngster, having employed Rubens Bar-richello in the team as a 17-year-old when he first came over from Brazil. "If I didn't think he was

capable, he wouldn't be in my car," Costa said. "He has made a fantastic start and fitted in perfectly with the team." If confirmation of his bur-

geoning talent were needed. Ferrier recently won a Vaux-half Scholarship. He was cho-sen ahead of 100 young driv-ers by a panel of judges composed of motor-racing drivers.

His reward is a free race in the Vauxhall Junior Winter Series. He has also lived up to Costa's high expectations by breaking into the top ten in the second Formula Opel race of the winter season at Hockenheim. Ferrier is philosophical

about what his advances mean: "I'm here to learn," he said, "It is hard realising you can't win because the people I'm up against are so much more experienced, but things are going well — every ses-sion I go out and seem to go Looking every inch the

young professional, Ferrier stands in the pits at Doning-ton. Costa and the engineers crack a now familiar joke. They point to a sign "Warning—the pits and pitlane are areas of potential danger. Children under the age of 16 years should not be allowed in these areas."

A quietly confident Tom Ferrier just smiles.

ICE SKATING

Main must jump over extra hurdle

By Angela Court

UNTIL the past couple of seasons, a national title almost certainly guaranteed a skater a place in the next European and world championships. but, with the sport evolving rapidly and potendal sponsors often needing strong results at international level to justify involvement, that is no longer

the case. Stephanie Main, who won her third British women's championship at Milton Keynes last Saturday, is yet to be named for the one place available to Great Britain in both championships. Instead, the National Ice Skating Association (NISA) will hold a screening session next month for Main, along with Tammy Sear and Zoe Jones, the second and third-placed skaters at the national championships, and will make four different triple jumps the criteria for selec-

The association did not send a woman to the European or world championships last year and is trying to raise standards by insisting that triple jumps must be performed.

Kevin Bursey, the NISA national performance direc-tor, admits the decision may not be popular, but insists it is the way forward. "Our women have to be able to do triple jumps," he said, "There's little point in sending people to top championships who are lovely skaters but cannot jump.

"Basically, you are not going to get anywhere if you can't do the tricks and we want that message to get through not just to the seniors, but to the up-and-coming juniors,

Main, 22, landed two triple jumps during her free programme on Saturday. Aftervards, she admitted that she had another triple planned, but reduced it to a double, adding that in practice she has been pulling off five. "I haven't put them in the

programme yet." she said. "but I'm confident I can do them in the future.

There are two places available for men at both events and Clive Shorten, the new champion, has been named as one representative. Neil Wilson, champion in 1996, who was forced to withdraw last week because of a leg injury, will be screened

to check on his progress.

The pairs selection is also on hold. Marsha Poluliaschenko and Andrew Seabrook won their second title last Friday, but not without making several mistakes in the process. NISA officials want to wait and see how they perform at



Main: kept in suspense

the world junior champion-ships in Zagreb next week before making a decision. Charlotte Clements and

Gary Shortland, the Slough-based ice dance champions, have no worries. They have been named for both events and will be looking to improve on their placing last year, when they made their debut at this level.

One event where Britain will have a full team is in Zagreb. The latest addition is Jennifer Holmes, 14, from Murrayfield, who finished a promising fourth in the senior women's event at Milton

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FOOTBALL

Hendrie is unruffled by elevation to the top

By MATT DICKINSON

SPORT can be a fickle profession — and if you do not be-lieve that, ask Lee Hendrie. A matter of months ago, the frus-trated young midfield player was kicking his heels but little else at Aston Villa. Tempted to demand a transfer, only his natural conscientiousness stopped him.

Then, on a Wednesday afternoon in February, John Gregory arrived as the new manager at Villa Park. Three days later. Hendrie was elevated to the starting line-up and he has missed only one FA Carling Premiership match since as a vital component of the club's rise to the top of table.

At 21, Hendrie thought that life could not get any better, at least, he did until until last week, when Glenn Hoddle called him into the senior England squad for the first time. From the Pontin's League to the internacional front line in less than a year is a meteoric rise by any stand-

It is a tale that reveals much about why the Premiership leaders should be breathing so easily at the summit, but, if it is a sign of the astuteness and courage of Gregory in allowing English talent to blossom. it is also a measure of the won-derful temperament of Hendrie, who appeared unerly unfazed yesterday as he made his full international debut in front of camera crews and mi-

That football is in the family has clearly aided the amiable Midlander, who, like Michael Owen, appears to have benefited much from having a father who knows at first-hand the realities of the game. Paul Hendrie is manager of Tamworth and a former player for Celtic, while Lee's uncle, John, is manager of Barnsley.

The family's Scottish connections offered Lee the opportunity to head north of the border for international recognition.

but he turned down a Scotland trial. He was happy to go with his instinct, just as he did in rejecting Birmingham City for Aston Villa as a 15-year-old. even though many of his family were regulars at St Andrew's.

Given the shortage of leftsided players in the England squad, his choice may prove to be an astute one. While he is right-footed. Hendrie prefers to cut in from the other flank and he may soon be pressuring Graeme Le Saux or Andy Hinchcliffe, who have failed to convince Hoddle of their merits at wing back. More attackminded and fragile than either. Hendrie still has the stamina and resilience to play anywhere in midfield.

Hendrie will have to be patient, for he is almost certain to watch the match against the Czech Republic tomorrow from the sidelines. but that is a trait he showed in abundance in the days that Brian Little. Gregory's prede-cessor, would bring him into the first team only to drop him without explanation a week

later.
"[felt I might have to move on," Hendrie said yesterday, "maybe go to a lower division. Then a new manager came in, and everything has turned around. He [Gregory] was reserve team manager before. so he knew what I was capable of. He put me straight into the team for his first game and I haven't looked back since. He's given me a lot of confi-

lads, sitting around reading the papers with the rest of us and a great bloke, but he can be strict when he wants to be He has shown he is not afraid of reputations and he tells the players that if they are not playing well enough, there are young kids to come in." Hoddle will be reminding his



Hendrie, left, who has become a key player in the Aston Villa side, shares a joke with his England colleagues yesterday. Photograph: Gill Allen

Cove provide some nourishing fare

With standards rising again in the Highland League,

he man slipping through a side door at Allan Park with a tray of meat pies proassurance that the match was on. The previous day, it had poured non-stop and, with thick, rain-filled clouds continuing to roll inland, prospects had seemed

Recently installed drains at Cove Rangers, a club in a village overlooking the sea, south of Aberdeen and sucked into the city as it expanded in the oil boom, saved the day. Every match played helps. Trying to squeeze in a full programme is a constant concern as winter casts a heavy hand over the Press and Journal Highland League, In 1986, a match at Brora

Rangers was called off at halftime because some players The manager is one of the were suffering from hypothermia. A Scottish Cup-tie between Inverness Thistle and Falkirk was postponed 24 times in 1979 and the league tide went unresolved 1954-55 because the Scottish Football Association refused permission for a backlog of fixtures to be played off in the second half of May. The struggle with the elesquad of much the same.

Walter Gammie reports on clubs' long-term hopes

ments that helps to give the league its special flavour is matched by an intensity of competitioo that explains why the year 1993 is left blank on the championship roll of bonour. Elgin City were stripped of the title because they were found guilty of sharp practice when they brought forward the decisive match to a Friday night because two leading players started suspensions the next day. The match at Cove Rangers

was won 2-1 by Peterhead, who thus joined their hosts at the head of the table. The sodden conditions notwithstanding. it was a game of pace and skill that made clear the bunger to exploit hints of vulnera-bility shown by Huntly, wbo have enjoyed an unprecedented five-year domination despite a sequence of managerial changes.

Steve Paterson guided them to two titles before becoming the highly regarded manager of Inverness Caledonian Thistle; Doug Rougvie stepped up to land another two and Phil

Bonnyman inspired a rip-roaring run last season to make it

Bonnyman's acrimonious departure to Port Vale in the summer left the managerial reins in the hands of John Gardiner, the team's goalkeeper during the years of success. His purchase from Arbroath ten days ago of Brian Grant, 28. a prolific striker when with Ross County, proves that Huntly will not surrender their crown lightly.

Peterhead, installed a year

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ago in a new stadium, would dearly love a pyramid of progress to be established, along English lines, that could take them into the Scottish League. They envy the progress made by Caledonian Thistle and Ross County since they were admitted four years

ago.
The Highland League was formed in Inverness in 1893. so the loss of two of the city's three teams, when they merged to form the Scottish League club, and Couoty. from Dingwall, left it unbalanced in favour of Huntly and other eastern clubs to such an extent that they bave been threatening to break away. Players filtering back from the Scottish League are happily raising standards again.

A longer more painful route to recovery is being undertaken at Fort William, the league's most westerly out-post — Wick Academy, is the most northerly. Backed by a £10,000 grant from the Scottisb FA. Fort are developing youth teams. They do not pay their players, draw them from a five-mile radius and struggle to finance coach travel - it

costs up to £550 for the trip to

With one point from ten matches. Fort William are at the foot of the table, but they are not complaining. The presence of Duncan Shearer, a famous Lochaber sporting son, as Fort went down to Clachnacuddin 6-3, after extra-time. In their Invertess Cup quarter-final offered a reminder that talent can be found even in the heart of shinty country. The league, even now, is discussing the adoption of a rule to include a set number of under-21s in squads and the setting up of a youth development league.

The supporters filing into Allan Park, collecting their pies from Sunnybank Bakery before congregating on the covered terracing of the Coull Stand, were happy to revel in the closeness of the struggle. It is easy to understand why the lower-division Scottish League teams fear those December and January days when a quartet of Highland League clubs descend to lay waste to their ranks in the Scottish Cup.

West Ham lead the field in pursuit of Holligan

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By Russell Kempson

WEST Ham United are close to signing Gavin Holligan, 18, the Kingstonian striker, for a fee that could rise to about £300,000. Holligan, who has been training with the FA Carling Premiership club, scored the decisive goal in Kingstonian's 1-0 win against Burton Albion in the FA Cup first-round tie on Saturday.

"We've been watching him for some time," Peter Storrie, the West Ham director of football, said yesterday. "We'll keep monitoring him and hopefully fix him up to play in a couple of reserve games. We need to see him in a match situ-

Holligan, a former youth player with Walton and Hersham, has scored 12 goals in 13 appearances this season. West Ham head a long queue of clubs, which includes Fulham, attempting to secure his services, but they are confident that they have first option on the Sft 10in forward.

We've had provisional discussions with Kingstonian," Storrie said. "We're all honourable people and I'm sure we'll stand by those handshakes." Geoff Chapple, the Kingsto-

nian manager, is unlikely to agree to Holligan's departure until the Conference club's involvement in the FA Cup has ended. Their home secondround ne against Leyton Orient will be televised live on Sunday, December u.

John Gregory, the Aston Villa manager, has defended the staging of an impromptu team photograph after the 4-1 victory against Southampton at The Dell on Saturday, which created a club record of 12 league matches unbeaten at the start of a season. "One or two people have criticised us for doing it, but it was not meant for public consumption." Gregory said. "It was a purely self-indulgent moment for myself.

"What we had achieved had never been done before at the club. It was a little target that we had reached and I wanted it recorded. I'd now like us to remain unbeaten until Christmas and, hopefully, we will be able to take a more relevant photo at the end of the season when we've really got some-thing to celebrate."

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BADMINTON: WORLD DOUBLES CHAMPION TESTS POSITIVE FOR STEROIDS

Sigit suspended and fined over drugs

BUDIARTO SIGIT, one of the game's leading players, has been suspended for 13 months and fined more than \$12,000 (about £7,500) after being found guilty of taking anabolic steroids. Sigit, from Indonesia, the world men's doubles champion, will be unable to defend his title in Copenhagen in May and also misses the All England championships in Birmingham two months earlier.

The fine comprises a penalty of \$2,000 and the forfeiture of \$10.115, the men's doubles first prize at the Konica Cup in Singapore, where Sigit and

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Candra Wijaya, his playing partner, were tested in August. Both will lose their ranking points from that tourna-

Badminton has a relatively drug-free record and this is the most serious incident of its kind for 16 years. On that occasion, Hastomo Arbi, another Indonesian, was given a 14-month ban after testing positive for steroids at the 1982 All England championships. A third Indonesian, Minarti Timur, was banned for a simi-

lar length of time in the early nineties after taking a performance-enhancing substance claimed to have been used for

medical purposes. Sigit's misconduct is particularly annoying for the Interna-tional Badminton Federation (IBF), which has been heavily involved in the anti-drues campaign of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Lu Shengrong, the IBF president, who is on one of the IOC's working groups reviewing its approach to doping, said:

This is particularly disappointing because it involves a tournament winner and a

world champion." The IBF supports the IOC's attempt to broaden the scope of actions that can be taken against doping. It hopes to set up a single worldwide doping agency, which would report to the IOC with standard procedures and committees.

"If this comes about, we should sign up to it." Neil Cameron, the chief executive of the IBF, said. "We are still relatively inexperienced in these mat-

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TRUSTEE ACTS

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent This hand from last year's Crockford's Cup is similar in theme to one t gave from a Camrose match a few years ago.

Dealer West	E-W game	IMPs
	♠ K2 ♡ KQ92 ◇ KQJ6 ♣ QJ4	
♠ QJ9765 ♡ 1084 ◇ 53 ♣ 103	N W E S ♠ 1043 ♡ A5 ○ 10972	♠ A8 ♥ J763 ♦ A84 ♣ A872

# K265				
W	N .	E	S	
King	Solomon	Townsend	Solomon	
Pass	1 H	Pass	1 NT	
Pass All Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT	

Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. Lead: queen of spades. At the table Warner Solomon

covered the queen of spades with the king. East-West promptly cashed six spade tricks and two aces for four Analysis shows declarer's

play of the king at trick one to be almost hopeless. With two minor-suit aces to come. the defence need only three spade tricks to beat Three No-Trumps. All 4-4 breaks will give them at least that regardless of the positions of the three aces. So will all the 5-3 breaks, with one remote exception, when West holds AQJ tripleton, in which case declarer still needs East to botd precisely one minor-suit ace, and guess which it is, in order to knock it out before West's ace. The only 6-2 break which rewards rising with the king is when West

Declarer's best chance is to duck trick one, playing for are now blocked, and West has no side-entry. Declarer loses just two spades and two aces.
This year's final Premier

League weekend started off with the news that the leaders, John Collings' team, had to withdraw because of illness. The new leaders, Forrester, Hackett, Hackett, Hackett. Mossop and Townsend managed to hang on to their lead to win the overall event by the narrow margin of 9 IMPs. ☐ The Times Book of Bridge 2, featuring the best of

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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a. A prehistoric urn type b. A claret c. A New Testament exegete

has chosen to lead from

ROGUER a. A cosmetic b. To overtrumo c. A potato selector

PECORINO a. A kid goar c. A cheese PONDOK

a. A shack b. The back of beyond c. A Chinese duck Answers on page 54 KEENE 🦣 CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

New gambit

Further evidence for the revi-talisation of the play of the Hungarian grandmaster Peier Leko comes from today's game. As early as his third move, he introduces a gambit idea that utterly changes the contours of an unusual but

known opening. Kramnik's efforts at attack are thwarted and Leko goes on to score a fine win. In the second game. Leko employs the Ruy Lopez to notch a strategic victory against Michael Adams.

White: Vladimir Kramník Black: Peter Leko Tilburg, Holland 1998

Irregular ദ്ര dxe5 Nh3 Nd6 26 27 28 29 Bg2 exd6 Bdb7

34 Qd84 35 Rd2 Rxd2 Kh7 Ka4 Kb5 Qxb3+ 42 Kd7 45 Qe7 Black: Michael Adams Tilburg, Holland 1998 Ruy Lopez

0-0 c3 h3 Bc2 C5 Qc7 Qe2 Rec1 Rab1 Nxd4 8b5 Bxd7 Nb5 Nxd6 Bxc5 Be3 Rd3 Rd3 Nc4 fng3 Nd2 Ng2 Rc1 Rc3 Rc4

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene White to play. This position is

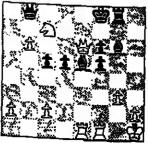
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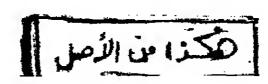
while to play, this position is from the game Hunt-Dorofe-ja. Elista Olympiad, 1998.

The black bishops appear to provide a solid block against White's efforts on the e and ffiles. How did White hrush aside this defence?

Solution on page 54



2.40 Tom Brodie



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By RUSSELL KENNIN

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RACING: ENFORCED BREAK OFFERS CHAMPION JOCKEY OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS WHIP PROBLEM

McCoy given chance to examine technique

AN 18-DAY suspension for Tony McCoy, until now the most irrepressible National Hunt champion in living memory, yesterday sharpened the horns of racing's most awkward dilemma: is the whip a vital tool of the trade, or a spanner in the works of its image and future prosperity? How ironic that an instrument designed to assist equilibrium and momentum should have so contrasting an effect on the sport, which has rarely conducted its great debate with such asperity.

None should be deceived that McCoy is some barbarous brute. In common with the huge majority of racing folk, he is passionately devoted to horses. His matchless instinct for their rhythms has not only secured him success on an unprecedented scale, but has also largely preserved him from the serious injury that routinely menaces his profes sion. So he is, naturally, shattered that the Jockey Club should now give his potent methods a veneer of coarse-

ness in the eyes of a wider public. It is precisely that audience, however, which increasingly directs the Club's weather-vane in the emotive sphere of equine welfare. There are icy gusts of ignorance and misunderstanding, inevitably, but the Club recognises their strength and that they must be channelled as carefully as possible. And the graceful overall standard of modern riding is a tribute to their endeavours.

Some in racing have allowed per-

GOING: SOFT

(£1,786: 2m 1f) (9 runners)

(£2,739: 2m 6f) (5)

Leicester

12.50 (2m 41 110)rd hole) 1. Dutch Dyene 4A Maguire, 7-1), 2. Stray Hermony (16-1). 3. Dark Romance (16-1) 15 rar. 11(W 6 Enright. Tole: 25.80: 22.90, 27.20, 25.00 DF: 272.80 CSF: \$106.96 Tricasi \$1,047.75

1.20 (2m hole) 1, Marsh Martgold (X Acquin. 14-1), 2, Round Robin (10-1), 3, Dancing At (25-1), 13 ran. NR: Little Res. NN, 31. G Flerro Tota (20.0), 54 00, 52.50, 56 70. DF: \$19 10 CSF £136 93

1.50 (2m 71 110)rd ch) 1, Church Law (T J Murphy, 9-1); 2, Debt Of Honor 110-11, 3, Saras Dehgri (9-2) 11 ran 71, 11 Mrs L Tay-tor Tore 012,80; 03 50, 03 10, 01 10, 05 1.0 050 50 CSF, 285 44 7ncost 2420,20

2.20 (2m hdie) 1, Once More For Luck (G Lee, 7-1), 2 Wesley's Lad (7-1), 3. Smons Castle (13-8 lay, 8 tan 3), 1-3. Mrs M Rev-ely, Tote £11 40, £1.80, £2.20, £1.30, £7 £11.70 CSF £53 57 Thoast £109.91.

2.13,70 CSP 2.83 57 IRCSS 2 (12.53). 2.50 (2m 11 cm) 1, Bettlander (D Leehy, S-1); 2 Cherming Girl 15-2), 3, Reparas (7-1), 8 ran. 101, 10; Mrs. J Phiman. Tole: 58.10, 52.10, £1.10, £2.20. DF: £8.50. CSF.

3.50 (2m 4/110yd hdle) 1, World Express (D Salter, 15-8), 2, Molsum (5-4 lev); 3, Grate Times (6-1) 4 ren 13, 9, 8 Millimen Tote: £3.30 DF: £2.70 CSF £4.42.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £11,501.26 carried forward to Wetherby today).

Golner: soft

WHENTON ABBOT

THUNDERER

1.00 RED EBREL (nap). 1.30 Collier Bay. 2.00 Robert's Toy. 2.30 Mister Blake, 3.00 Native Fling, 3.30 The Hatcher, 4.00 Molly Fitz Lad.

1.00 WISHFUL THINKING SELLING HURDLE

11-8 Red Ehrel, 7-4 Sprint Up, 8-1 Fearless Wonder, Ray Boy, 14-1 others.

NOVICES CHASE (£3,081: 2m 110yd) (4)

1.30 MOLESWORTH ARMS HOTEL WADEBRIDGE

1 2P-2 COLLER 8AY 12 (BEO.S) J Old 8-10-12 ... M A Fitzperald — 2 22-5 DEFENDITHEREALM 10 (6) R Frust 7-18-12 ... J Frust 7-18-13 ... J Frust 47 186- KINBS FOLD PET 210F (0.6.5) M Hayess 9-18-12 C Unwellyn (1984)

5-2 Harner Cil Dur Fasher. 3-1 Asvasaloss, Robert's Toy, 4-1 Native Field, 8-1 others.

2.30 CLAUDE WHITLEY MEMORIAL CHALLENGE

CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£3,388: 3m 2t 110yd) (8)

2-5 Coller Bay, 8-2 Kingslotd Pet, 8-1 Distert Ecto, 18-1 Determineralm.

By Chris McGrath

sonal sympathy for McCoy's sense of persecution to foster a mild hysteria. That, however, reflects a culpable reluctance to grasp the nettle. Certainly Barnapour, whose success at Fontwell last week triggered McCoy's ban, is an indolent beast who would not have won without coercion; few jockeys, moreover, are sufficiently pugnacious and enterprising to have made their coercion effective. But that is not necessarily the point.

Many with an intimate understanding of horses perceive the whip to be a far greater ordeal for the delicate sensibilities of an urban, presumptuous audience than for a horse whose adrenalin is flowing. They might share the admiring perspective of grateful betting shop punters: unhappily, however, they need to recognise a broader responsibility— to educate and, in the interim, to reassure. Only last week Peter Webbon, the Jockey Club's chief veterinary adviser, said: "In terms of welfare, Britain must drive; it must not be driven. We have to cater for the racing public but we have to remember that if we lose the general public ours

will be a minority sport.

David Nicholson, the trainer, addressed the issue in typically robust terms in his Racing Post column last Saturday, McCoy's earnest attempts to conform have extended to a new, cushioned whip, but Nicholson said: "Whatever a whip is

5-2 Gigi Beach, 4-1 Ballyea Boy, 5-1 Spring Marathon, 6-1 Missiar Blake, 7-1 others.

3.00 DEVON HOVICES HURDLE (£2,201: 2m 11) (5)

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6-4 Native Filing, 2-1 Macroma Med, 8-1 Sandoran, 7-1 Nathol, 8-1 Peturise

3-1 Helto Me Man, 7-2 Criental Boy, 8-1 Just Jaumine, 7-1 Scarlet Bumbler, 8-1 Pepri's Choice, 12-1 Tremall, The Harcher, 14-1 others.

1.50 (77) 1, Davis Rock (T Spraka, 2-1 tar); 2, Rolley Spirmey (11-2), 3, Pagasus Bay (9-1), 12 ran 51 nk, W Mur. Tols: \$1.90, \$1.80, £3.20, \$1.90, DF, £12.10, CSF; £11.02

2.00 (6) 1, Seven Springs (W Ryan, 7-4 lev), 2, Peruvian Star (18-1); 3, Tricks (18-1); 11 ran, 1-1; 3; R Hollinshead, Toke 22.50; 51.10, 52.70, 59.90 . DF: \$11.10; CSF: 520.07.

2.30 (6) 1, Quiet Venture (R Lepon, 16-1); 2, Ziggy's Denos (11-2); 3, Ursa Major (25-1), Shef 9-2 ji-lav 13 ran 2*4, hd. 1 Semple, Tota: \$25.00; \$3.40, \$2.70, \$7.70 DF: 660.30 CSF: \$35.11 Theast: \$2,107.39.

22, 107,38: 5.09 (Im 11 75)d) 1, Jeillybean (S Drowne, 9-2); 2, Chanse Flight (10-1); 3, Pops Breve (5-2 tay) 8 tan. 71, 13s, Ness G Kellewey 70te, £5, 10; £2:10, £2:00, £1:50, DF: 925.70, CSF £44.31.

3.30 (1m 100yd) 1, Danzino (P McCabe, 8-1); 2, Sustach (10-1), 3, Italian Symphony (8-1), Be Warned 4-1 fav 13 ran, 1-1, 11, Mrs N Macauley, Tota: 590, 51,70, 52,30, 52 40, DF: 855,00, Tritecta: \$1,531,90, CSF: 286,55 7ricasr, 9543 15.

4.00 (71) 1. C-Harry (W Ryan, 14-1), 2. Salty Behaviour (2-1 tar); 3. Arbanig (13-2), 12 ran ²4, 11. R. Holfinshead, 7ota; \$18.30, \$2.40, \$1.70, \$21.00 CSF

4.50 (1m 61 165/d) 1, Danning Cavalier F M Cuinn, 8-1); 2, Isabella Gonzacia (15-2); 3, il Principe (4-1 lav) 12 ran, 5, 4, R Hollands shead, 104: 512-70; 12-30, 54.10, 51.60. DF, £44.70 CSF, 551 18 Tricast \$254.75

Piecepot: £388.90. Quadpot: £63.40.

4.00 BOUNDERIES INTERMEDIATE OPEN

NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,236: 2m 10) (16)

3.30 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB NOVICES

HANDICAP CHASE (£3,134: 2m 5t 110yd) (12)

made of, it is bound to be noticeable if used incorrectly. There is too much close-up television these days to allow flamboyant whip styles and we must instruct riders to kick and push, and to use their sticks only as a last resort. Nowadays it seems the jockey goes for the whip as soon as the horse comes off the bit."

The alternative to the sort of bitter pill prescribed to McCoy yesterday may be to invite further intrusion — and perhaps the sport's reduction to an effete echo of the stirring dramas now available. The RSPCA has talked of one day prosecuting jockeys, but will presumably retain a sense of perspective so long as they adhere to rules that are, after all, positively squeamish compared with those in other jurisdictions.

It is to be hoped that McCoy's unwanted leisure allows him to turn the mental energies that have fed his vexation to more profitable use. Perhaps he should consider the example of Kieren Fallon, similarly indomitable on the Flat. Though no stranger to disciplinary action in the past. Fallon has built successive titles on a style that is unrivalled for aggres-

sion and bustling energy.

Rather than compact all that power into the closing stages, however. Fallon spreads it through every shift of gear from the moment the stalls open. McCoy should console himself that the middle ground can be attained without compromising the will to win.



McCoy's all-action riding style has won both admirers and enemies

MARTIN PIPE, who saddled Cyfor Malta to win the Murphy's Gold Cup three days ago, relies on Northern Starlight in the £45,000-added First National Bank Gold Cup Chase at Ascot on Saturday. William Hill bets: 4-1 Irbee. 9-2 Dontleavethe-

nest, 5-1 Red Marauder, 7-1 Chief's Song, 8-1 Hurricane Lamp.

10-1 Ashwell Boy, Listen Timmy, Raleagh Native. 12-1 Kurak-

ka, 141 Northern Starlight, 16-1 Skycab, 25-1 Hoh Warrior.

(3.10 Wetherby) Next best: Gigi Beach (2.30 Newton Abbot)

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: RANDOM HARVEST

THUNDERER 12.20 Royal Roulette. 12.50 My Mother's Dream.

1.20 Redouble, 1.50 Mister Raider, 2.20 Silver

Sun. 2.50 Elhabub. 3.20 Topton. 3.50 Mr Speaker. GOING: STANDARD

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.20 PARTIES IN THE PAVILION AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£1,737: 1m 4l) (18 runners)

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12.50 CHRISTMAS RACE NIGHTS SELLING

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1.50 CONTACT SALES & MARKETING HANDICAP (£2,085: 5f) (10)

9-2 Friendly Baye, 5-1 fep Of The Foon, 11-2 Scottes, Dominion, 7-1 Young Box, forn Yun, 8-1 Sure To Diese, Just Diesident, 18-1 others.

2.20 POLYGRAM CLASSICS MAIDEN STAKES

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3.20 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER TROPHY HANDI-CAP (QUALIFIER) (DIV 1: \$2,476: 71) (12)

3.50 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER TROPHY HANDICAP (QUALIFIER) (Div II: £2,476: 71) (11)

7-2 Stades Di Love, 5-1 Balanita, Mr Spanies, 6-1 Roissa Splandou, 7-1 Be My Wish, 6-1 Utra Bust, 18-1 Sharmani Song, Out Like Magic, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS LINEFIELD: Trainess: Mrs. A Parest, 4 winners from 18 numers, 22.2%; J. Gossien, 17 from 51, 21.0%; Lord Hardingdon, 45 from 230, 19.6%; N. Ustmoden, 10 from 55, 18.2%, M. Johnston, 53 from 25, 17.5%; V. Sonde, 8 from 25, 17.1%, Mass. Roblessy, 39 from 25, 15.1%; C. Wast, 9 from 53, 14.3%; M. Bischmand, 7 from 50, 14.0%; M. Heiston-Ellis, 12 from 69, 13.5%; J. Oddreys; R. Gaste, 3 wiscours from 8 rides, 33.3%; D. McKoonen, 24 from 142, 15.5%, S. Bastry, 3 from 18, 16.7%; W. Reint, 34 from 217, 15.7%; G. Carter, 30 from 223, 13.5%; M. Wighton, 19 from 146, 13.0%; J. Moore, 4 from 33, 12.1%; A. Micholls, 3 from 25, 12.0%; A. Chark, 75 from 534, 11.8%, D. Griffstine, 7 from 55, 10.5%. 834, 11,2%. O Shithin, 7 Iron 55, 10,5%.

NEWTON ASSOT: Trainus: P Habbs, 56 witness from 188 numers, 25,5%; D Nicholson, 7 hom 24, 28,2%; M Pips, 108 from 373, 28,5%, P Nicholso, 36 knotn 152, 25,0%; K Barley, 12 from 52, 23,1%; A Nepscombs, 10 knotn 45, 21,7%; D Gendolo, 8 from 48, 16,7%; J Knot, 4 knotn 25, 16,0%; A Louiseyer, R Missey, 4 winers iron 11 rides, 36,4%; R Durnscopt, 56 from 164, 31,1%; N Williamson, 14 from 53, 26,4%; R Johnson, 13 from 73, 17,5%, P Habey, 8 from 50, 16,07%; M Plagmack, 13 from 70, 12,0%; C Jaweshye, 11 hom 67, 12,5%; J Cadleyy, 3 from 24, 12,5%; J Frost, 24 from 216, 11 from 67,

1.40 Paddy's Return 3.10 Organ Recite! 2.10 Diddy Rymer 3.40 Lord Lamb Timekeeper's top rating: 2.10 CANTON VENTURE. GOING: GOOD TO SOFT TOTE JACKPOT MEETING 1.10 HENDERSON INSURANCE BROKERS LTD. JUVENILE **NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £2,945: 2m) (10 runners)**

1.10 Slip Venture

THUNDERER

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ERPRIGAL can put his expenience to good use to deny some interesting recruits from the Flat

1.40 COOLMORE STUD NOVICES CHASE (£3,444; 3m 1f) (6 runners)

Mester Wood hast Scotton Green (16th beter oil) 4 in 4-numer povice madical classe at Wetherby (2m 4 110pd, good). Pathy's Return 2v-1 and 10 to My Wester in sowice classe at Accol (2m 3 110pd, good) of 500ll; previously 41 find at 8 to Derrycyle in hastel gratie 1 of Particlestown (2m, heavy). Scient Gale 321 4ps of 16 to Standwords in sowice classes. Lop-class staying handler PADDY'S RETURN will benefit from the step up in trip from his chase how at Associ

1907: FOREST MORY 5-11-0 A Magure (4-7 tor) O Nicholson 6 can

2.10 SPINAL RESEARCH TRUST CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS

HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,408: 2m 4i 110yd) (11 runners)

Long bendicur: Russen Aspect 9-12, Be Brave 9-10, Barristers Boy 9-6, Loop to The Dark 9-7, Modernict Swm 9-1 Double Dash 8-9. BETTMA: 4-1 John, 9-2 Canton Venture, Wywyard Ludy, 11-2 Dan De Man, 7-1 Diddy Rymer, Be Brave, 18-1 others 1997; BRANCHER 8-18-11 R Burns (6-1) J Turner 8 zm

2.40 mitsubishi morb e phones handicap chase (£6,990; 2111) (5 lunners)

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403 1121-4 DR BONNES 17 (D.G.S) (Ras A Forbard F Mushy 5-18-7 — — A Thrombor 838
404 45-12 T TOM BRONDE 2 (D.F.G.S.) I Howard Juhren 6-18-7 (Ran) — C McCormack (S) 143
405 23211 CROSSHOT 195 (CD.F.G.S) (R McCornid) R McDonald 11-18-7 — DOUBTFUL 127 Ling teamscap: (we brown 5-1s, crossive 5-7.

BETTIME: 8-11 Cumbrian Challenge, 3-1 Di Bones, 5-1 Konvelda King, 8-1 Tem Brodia

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The Sprint Challe Easter at Record (2m, good in 5 kin).

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3.10 PETER BEAUMONT OWNERS HANDICAP CHASE [SHOWCASE RACE] (£3,556: 3m 1f) (B runners)

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ORIGIN RECITAL, who may have wan but for mistakes on his reappearance, appears bairly heated

3.40 French Ballerina novices hurdle (tote trifecta race) (£3,281: 2m) (19 runners)



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LORD LAKE, a leading humper horse two seasons ago and a winner on the Flat since, rates a top prosp

SPECIALISTS

WETHERBY: Trainers: C Grant, 5 winners from 16 runners, 31.3%; D Nicholson, 19 from 76, 25.0%; T Easterby, 29 from 119, 24.4%; O Brennan, 9 from 42, 21.4%; Mirs M Raveley, 38 from 194, 19.6%. Jockeys: J Osborne, 5 winners from 17 rides, 29.4%; L Wyer, 45 from 179, 25.1%; A Maguire, 22 from 99, 22.2%; P Niven, 36 from 184, 21.3%; R Guest, 18 from 91, 19.6%.



1.00 (6) 1, Seron Teg (G Faulkner, 2-1 lav), 2, Rad Apolio (10-1), 3, Golden Biff (12-1), 11 ran. 4, 4, B Palling, Tote: \$2.20; Placepot: £212.60. Quadpot: £21.60.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Going: soft (good to soft in back straight)

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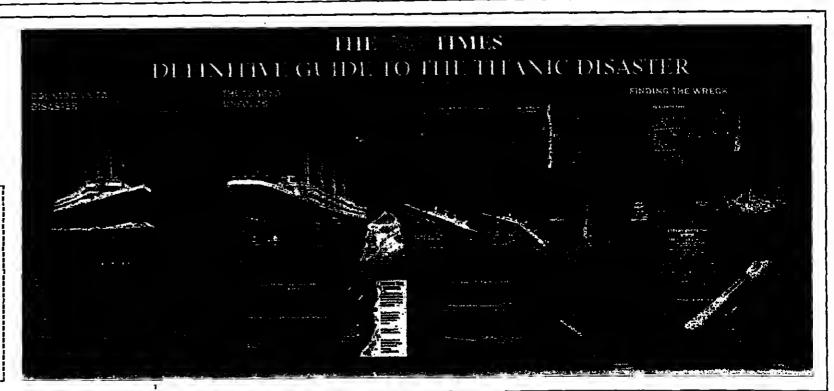
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CRICKET

Croft and Mullally combine to snatch win

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

CAIRNS (final day of four):

THE benefits of winning a match of this nature can never be properly measured, but, for the sake of unity, confidence and generally feeling good before the start of a Test series, it is a whole lot better than los-ing — especially when the victory reeks of a cussedness of spirit that it is fashionable, in these parts, to consider exclu-

England might easily have fost all four of their warm-up fixtures, but instead they remain unbeaten, having stolen this game through an implau-sibly prolonged last-wicket partnership between Robert Croft and Alan Mullally.

It would be a deception to report that England flew down the Queensland coastline to Brisbane light of heart and free of cares. No matter the drama and daring of this win; the problems at the other end of their batting order are causing deep concern.

Their opening batsmen mustered three runs between them here and Michael Atherton's appointment with a back specialist today was weighing heavily on minds other than his own. Yet both Atherton and Mark Butcher, his toiling partner, joined freely in the

Gillespie: quality control

moments of team bonding that followed a quite remarkable

Atherton, still optimistic of being fit for the first Test on Friday but resigned to accept-ing medical advice, calmly put the event into context. "You always want to win," he said. "but pitch conditions here are very different from what we will expect in Brisbane, so I wouldn't read too much into

The conditions to which England have acclimatised well, however, are the Queensland heat and humidity, so challenging here that normal dress standards are unenforceable. "We are usually chilling in Hobart before the first Test out here, so this will have done us a lot of good," Atherton

Although unable to field on Sunday, he was pressed into service yesterday, as always seemed unavoidable, when England resumed needing 68 runs from their remaining five wickets on a pitch now resem-

bling crazy paving. When Mark Ramprakash became the latest of many to be out misjudging a pull, Atherton emerged from the players' tent at a brisk pace that suggested he had a point to prove. However, he did not bat very long or very well and, after surviving confident ap-



Croft hits out during his last-wicket stand with Mullally that brought England victory over Queensland. Photograph: Graham Chadwick/Allsport

peals to each of his first two balls, he was out to the seventh, shuffling down the pitch to the spin of Jackson and giving Healy a straightforward stumping

Dean Headley, who had layed some combative played strokes in making 20, was eventually too late coming down on a good-length ball from the waspish Michael Kasprovicz, whose second-innings performance had ensured his presence in the Australia Test squad. Kasprowicz quickly cleaned up Darren Gough for his sixth wicket to leave England 106 for nine.

With 36 runs required, a size of partnership achieved only four times in the game, the

odds against England were so tong that the scoreboard operators did not even bother putting up Mulially's name. His space remained blank for the 78 minutes it mok Croft and himself to confound logic. For almost an hour, they un-

dertook nothing but reconnaisance. While ten runs were scored from 14 overs, there was a sense of merely delaying the inevitable. Then Andy Bichel dropped a ball short and Mullally pulled with relish, the four taking the total to 120 and bringing a rousing chorus of cheers from the England tent.

Lunch, an interval that had seemed unlikely to be necessary, was taken with 14 still needed, an assignment com-pleted with the minimum of fuss. Mullally, a character to whom stress is a stranger, was a revelation, pulling and driv-ing with admirable control, but it was Croft who took the winning single off Kasprowicz and punched the air in delight.

For Croft, whose technique was exposed by Glenn Mc-Grath in England in 1997, every such innings is a minor personal triumph, but he was keen to stress its value to the team. "Look at the last Ashes series," he said. "There wasn't much between the two top sixes in terms of runs, but there was probably 300 or so difference between their bottom five

Mullally, who is patently enjoying every moment of this tour after a summer with unbeaten Leicestershire, said: "I badly wanted to win this. I haven't been on the losing side in a first-class game for a long time and t don't intend to start now. If the last three or four batsmen can each make 20 or

so, it will turn games."

Croft spoke passionately of the work that he has put in with Graham Gooch over the past year to eliminate his soft dismissals against the short ball. He spoke, too, of his hope that the selectors will decide that a spin bowler is essential in Brisbane, a thorny issue that even his tenacity with the bat here cannot have resolved.

SCOREBOARD

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-45, 3-45, 4-51, 5-74, 6-69, 7-101, 8-104, 9-106 BOWLING: Birchel 9-1-32-1; Dale 12-5-23-1, Kasprovice: 18.2-5-31-6, Jackson 21-7-40-1; Symonds 1-0-5-0. Umpires, A J McQuillan and S J Tausel

century puts West Indies in command

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Wales faith Wently

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

CARL HOOPER quickly followed the example of Brian
Lara, his captain, by scoring a
century for West Indies
against Griqualand West in
Kimberley yesterday to put his team in a commanding posi-tion at the end of the third

day's play. After Lara had made 101 on Sunday, Hooper scored t09 as the West Indies, resuming on 327 for six, scored 466 to give them a first-innings lead of 195 runs. Griqualand West ended the day on 123 for five in their second innings, still 72 runs short of avoiding an innings

Hooper, who did not give a chance throughout his innings, reached his century off too balls before he was finally out when he hooked Adri Swanepoet, the teft-arm sean: bowler, to fine leg. Hooper hir . II fours and a six.

Only Micky Arthur, the Griqualand West captain. who scored 46, and Pieter Barnard. who was unbeaten with 42. contained a West Indies bowling attack that was missing Courtney Walsh and Curtley Ambrose, the fast bowlers. Walsh sprained his left ankle on Saturday, although West Indies officials said that the injury was minor. Ambrose was also unable to bowl after having a toenail removed on Saturday. He bowled in the nets yesterday and is expected to play in his first match of the tour against Orange Free State in a four-day game that starts in Bloemfontein on Friday. Arthur and Barnard stead-

ied the innings after the West Indies bowlers had enjoyed some early successes. Their partnership ended when Bar-nard failed to respond to Arthur's call and Arthur was run out by Stuart Williams. Lara and Hooper were at

the centre of a pay dispute earlier this month, which delayed the start of the tour. A compromise was eventually reached after a row between officials and players over tour fees.



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Gillespie earns Test recall

FROM ALAN LEE

JASON GILLESPIE'S most recent Test match appearance was made IS months ago in Nottingham, a dramatic week in which the Ashes were settled and Michael Atherton's resignation as England captain was refused. Three injuries and much frus-tration later, Gillespie was recalled yesterday to share the new ball with Glenn McGrath in the first Test. starting in Brisbane on Friday.

The Australia selectors might have opted for any of several alternatives, none more compelling than Paul Reiffel, whose dependability is so respected by England. Instead, they have ignored the doubts about Gillespie's match-fitness and backed his undoubted qualities of pace and control, which were so evident in the South Australia match against England last week.

Trevor Hohns, the chairman of selectors, emerged from a telephone conference with his two colleagues, Allan Border and Andrew Hilditch, to name him as the most contentious member of a party of 12.

Damien Fleming, who is carrying slight back injury, and Michael Kasprowicz will contest the third seam bowling place, with Stuart MacGill continuing as leg-spin understudy for Shane Warne. Ricky Ponting will bat at No 6 in preference to Darren Lehmann

Warne looks to be some way off a Test recall after shoulder surgery. finishing with disappointing match figures of one for 74 on his first-class comeback for Victoria.

AUSTRALIA (trom): M A Taylor (captain), M J Slat-er, J Llangar, R T Ponting, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, O W Flenting, J N Gilegola, I A Heady (wocksteep-er), M S Kattprowicz, S C G MacGill, G O McGritch

Perils of playing strain game

ATHERTON'S back, like that of Graham Thorpe and Alec Stewart. is as vulnerable as that of thousands of other cricketers. whether playing at Lord's or on the village green. When it flexes, the spine does not rely upon an individual hinge joint, like a knee, and therefore bends and twists only within a limited range. Pushing it beyond its natural capabilities sets up unsustainable stresses. Something has to give

the spinal bones. When humans evolved to stand upright, all sorts of activities became possible. We could make weapons and tools, fight, hunt and play cricket. The eyes, hands and spine adapted to the new status, although the spine remained a vulnerable link in the new order. This potential

and it is usually the disc between

BY DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

weakness is particularly apparent during pregnancy, when lifting and when playing cricket and golf. The spine is especially at risk from awkward twisting and striking movements in either sport. Bowlers, too, have trouble. The pounding each of the individual ioints of the spine receives as the leading foot hits the ground sends shock waves through them that may damage the discs or, over the years, cause osteoarthritis of the

joint surfaces. The MRI scanner has revealed the truth about backs. Until the introduction of this advanced diagnostic tool, which enables soft-tissue damage, including disc injuries, to be seen, a myriad unlikely diagnoses were provided to account for backache. Usually,

fibres. It is notable that Thorpe. who has had surgery for proven disc problems, and Atherion, who has had disc troubles since being at Cambridge, both are aware of the underlying condition of their spine. Stewart's pains have been attributed to muscle spasms. Muscles always go into spasm when a prolapsed disc touches a nerve. Muscle spasm may therefore he scco damaged disc. Atherton will probably find that,

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over the years, unless he has surgery, a lesser degree of trauma caused by over-exertion will "put his back out", but the symptoms will subside more quickly. He will be playing again before long.



Hooper: made century

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

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(at Coleraine Showground) Under-21 international England v Czach Republic

(at Ipswich Town FC, 7.45). Third division

Rochdale v Scarborough (7.45) FA Cup

First round Derlington v Burnley (at Middlesbrough FC, 7.45)

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Harrow'v Beachs Town v Aylesbury (7.45), Chesham v Purficet, Hendon v Bager-ham and Radbridge, Stough v Basing-stoke (7.45). First divisions: Chertsey v Worthing; Leyton Permant v Greys. Second divisions: Onthwood v Barking Wivenhoe v Legiston Town Wolampham v Hungerford. Third divisions: Croyon Athletic v Homohurch; Dorking v Ford Utst. Egistant v Ting-Purns Cup Pest round-Romland v Statess; Sutton United v Walton and Hersham.

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RUGBY UNION Tour matches

Carravidge University v Fiji XV (3.0).... Edinburgh Reivers v South Africa XV (at Easter Road, Edinburgh 7.0)...... OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Sakusbury's Classic Cola National Cup: Quarter-Brief: Ches-ter Jets v Newcasile Engles (7.30).

BASKETBALL

Giants pin hopes on fit Perry

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

THE fitness of Makeeba Perry could have a big influence on the outcome of the most in-triguing quarter-final tomorrow when Thames Valley Tigers attempt to prolong the de-fence of their Sainsbury's Classic Cola National Cup.

Even though Manchester Giants have gone to the top of the Budweiser League in the three games that Perry has missed with Achilles' tendon trouble, they are none too confident of another success if their 6ft toin centre sits out the tie in the Nynex Arena. "If he ptays, we wilt be all

right." Dave Gardner, the

club's assistant coach, said. "If not, then I am not sure."
Gardner watched the Tigers struggle to overcome Milton Keynes Lions on Saturday. The Lions slowed the game down to almost devastating effect. frustrating the Tigers, whose relieved coach, Paul James, said: "It was a nice. tough, physical game, just what we needed before Man-

Even if Perry fails to make it, James is under no illusions. "If both John White and Tony Dorsey have good games, it will be tough. If they're going to score 60 points between them, it will be a long night." The quarter-finals begin with the visit tonight of New-

chester.

castle Eagles to Chester Jets. In the other des tomorrow, Sheffield Sharks will attempt to avenge their one league de-feat against Derby Storm and Birmingham Bullets will try to heap more misery on the Leop-

SPORT IN BRIEF

French announce new anti-doping measures **CYCLING:** French administrators have stepped up the battle

against drugs by announcing that 500 of the country's riders will be tested next year. Daniel Baal, the chairman of the French Cycling Federation, said tests will be carried out

throughout the year on both professionals and amateurs. The riders will have to undergo a general examination at the beginning of the year as well as four tests during the season. Baal is backing new measures introduced by organisers of the Tour de France, under which any teams or riders not abiding by anti-doping regulations would be thrown out of the event.

Loye decides to stay

CRICKET: Mal Loye. 26. has decided to stay with Northamptonshire and has agreed a new four-year contract with the club. The England A batsman, voted player of the year by the Professional Cricketers' Association, was a target for several counties, including Nottinghamshire, Somerset and Middlesex. Loye's decision came after a meeting in Australia with Bob Carter, the club's director of cricket, and Steve Coverdale, the chief executive.

Jordan sign new deal

motor racing: Jordan, the Formula One team, have signed a lucrative deat with Warburg. Pincus, the investment company. Dominic Shorthouse, the London managing director of the company, will join the Jordan board to provide financial and strategic advice. "Eddie Jordan has demonstrated all the qualities of a dynamic and successful entrepreneur." he said. We have a platform to build a championship-winning team."

Ayr's Czech booking

■ ICE HOCKEY: Ayr Scottish Eagles will qualify for the second round of the Skoda European League if they can win away to Chemopetrol Litvinov, of the Czech Republic, tonight. Ayr will still qualify for the last 12 if they lose and Mannheim beat Kazan, the Russian champions, in regulation time. Defeat for Ayr and Mannheim would throw them together in a deciding meeting on December I.

Streaker reveals identity

TRUEBY UNION: The streaker who was blamed for breaking the concentration of Wales in their match with South Africa at Wembley on Saturday was a Springboks fan. He ran on to the pitch and held up the game for three minutes when the scores were level at 20-20. This allowed South Africa to clear their lines before Andre Venter scored the match-winning try. The man was later cautioned and released without charge.

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RUGBY UNION Wales keep $comm_{ay}$ faith with TOWN OF THE PROPERTY OF Wembley's

nearly men BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WALES, their pulses still racing after their dramaoc meeting with South Africa, have predictably named an un-changed XV for the internaoonal with Argentina at Llanelli on Saturday. However, this game now enjoys an enhanced significance simply because Wales came so close to victory against the Springboks; they must beat Argenti-

na or their heroics at Wembley will mean nothing. Whether they will have Scott Quinnell to help them do so will be determined by the outcome of his appeal against suspension, which is to be heard this evening. The effect of Quinnell's marginally-late tackle on Lawrence Dallaglio last month, which resulted in dismissal and a 14-day ban. still lingers, even though Dallaglio himself has expressed surprise that the then Rich-

TEAMS

WALES (v Argenina, November 21, at Lanelii), S P Howarth (Sale); G Thomas (Cardiri), M Taylor (Swarssea), I S Glibba (Swarssea), D R James (Pornypridd), N R Jenkhrs (Pornypridd), R Howkey (Cardili), captan); A L P Lewis (Cardili), J M Humphintys (Cardili), C L Anthony (Swarssea), J C Quinnell (Robrinand), C P Wysili (Lanelii), C L Chervis (Swarssea), M E Williams (Pornypridd), L S Quinnell (Lanelii), C Bobyer (Lanelii), D S Llewellym (Ebw Vale), M J Voyle (Lanelii), O B Montis (Swarssea), B R Evans (Swarssea), B H Williams (Fichmond). mond), SOUTH AFRICANS: B Paulse; R Markam, R Flock, B van Straeten, O Kay-ser, C Slawan, C Alcock, A van der Linde, O Niurmene, W Meyer, 5 Boome, P Smil, C Krige, A Vos, R Skinstad

mond No 8 was punished with a red card.

Since then, Quinnell has moved clubs, increased his family and helped to restore pride to a nation, a notable nat-trick. "It's not the be-all and end-all if Scott has to withdraw, but it would be the right decision if the appeal was upheld," Graham Henry, the Wales coach, said. If it is turned down, Colin Charvis will move from blind-side flanker to No 8 and Geraint Lewis, the Pontypridd backrow forward, who plays for Wales A against the Argentinians tomorrow on his home ground, will come into the XV.

You have to have consistency in selection and it took me 514sec to name the same side and replacements." Henry said, but we still have a long way to go. We have to keep our feet on the ground and I'm sure we will improve next time around. We caught the Springboks with their pants down."

The South Africans, trou-sers firmly bunned, have moved north to prepare for the game tonight with Edinburgh Reivers at Easter Road. They will not confirm their XV to play Scotland on Saturday unol after this match, creating the impression that their international XV may not be quite as immutable as it appeared before the Welsh experience.

That having been said, Nick Mallett, their coach, has kept faith with virtually the same players throughout the year and may need more than one indifferent game before he begins making changes. There are, though, players hammering on the door, none more so than Bobby Skinstad, who could push Andre Venter into the second row in place of Mark Andrews, who made his fiftieth appearance last Satur-

Mallett has left his players in no doubt about how he re-gards their sub-standard performance and the Reivers and Scotland may reap the whirlwind. The Reivers will not be helped by the fact that Graeme Burns and Scon Welsh, their half backs, have played so little first-team football this season; Burns has had to wait at scrum half behind Bryan Redpath and lain Fairley - who plays at centre tonight - while Craig Chalmers and Duncan Hodge block the way for

Owen Nkumane will start his first match in Springbok colours, at hooker, having appeared as a replacement in the 62-9 defeat of Glasgow Caledonians, and Breyton Paulse moves to full back from his usual position on the wing. The Combined Irish Provinc-

es, who play the South Africans in Cork next Tuesday, have named ten internationals in a team to be led by Mick Galwey. Christophe Domini, the Sta-

de Français wing, who made his Five Nations Championship debut last season, has been called into the France squad to play Australia in Paris on Saturday, while Vincent Moscato, who won four cans at hooker in 1991 to 92 before being sent off against England, will play for Major Stanley's XV at Iffley Road tomorrow in the annual match against Oxford University.



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Bath given opportunity for revenge

THE Tetley's Bitter Cup has chugged quietly through three rounds without creating much of a stir; that changed with the entry yesterday of the first-division clubs, of whom two potential cup winners -Newcastle Falcons and Bath - are drawn together over the

weekend of January 9 and 10.

It is a tie that may make Newcastle regret their move back to Kingston Park from Gatesbead Stadium, for it was at Gateshead that Newcastle beat Bath 19-17 in the Allied Dunbar Premiership on Sep-tember 12, a game that Bath might have won had they utilised their possession better. One clear difference in January will be the absence of Dean Ryan, the Newcastle captain, who will be recovering from surgery on a pro-

lapsed disc.

To lift the cup, you have to beat all the best sides and that often means winning difficult matches away from home." Andy Robinson, the Bath coach, said, heedless of the fact that cup competition means that sometimes the best can be avoided. Another first-division club will be lost

By DAVID HANDS at this stage, since Sale - beat-

en finalists two years ago entertain Northampton. Saracens, the holders, will prove a huge draw at Morley. who stand in the bottom half of Jewson's league one. If the Fez Heads find their way in force to Yorkshire, Morley

may consider alternative accommodation to their Scatcherd Road ground, which can hold 4,000. Their committee met last night and will also debate with nearby Rotherbam, who have drawn Leeds Tykes, whether to play on Saturday or Sunday to avoid a clash of interests.

"We will be going out with

DRAW

Waterloo v Orreit; Notingham v Exeter, Bedford v Henley, Barking v Lelcester, Kendal v London Scottish; Rotherham v Leeds; Sedgley Park v Wasps; Gloucester v Worcester, Bristol v London Irish; Sale v Northampton; Harlegums v Estier, Mortley v Saracens; West Hartlepool v Bracknat; Newcastle v Bath: Rochmond v Newburn; Moscley v Lydney. mond v Newbury; Moseley v Lydney.

Ties to be played on January 9 and 10

Murray will be away with Scotland over the next three weekends, leaving Bedford chronically short of locks as a positive attitude and you never know what can happen in these cup games," Paul Stewart, the Morley captain. well as luck, so many of their Premiership games having been lost by little more than a said. Stewart played for Wakefield three years ago when the single score. Yorkshire club came within a Wasps, beaten finalists in

May, travel to Cheshire to play Sedgley Park, victors over Blackheath at the weekwhisker of beating Bath, the holders at the time. "They are glory days," he said. "It will be end, while Leicester, perennia fantastic experience." Rotherham, who beat Lonal cup favourites, take on Barking, the club that pro-duced Jason Leonard. Bob don Weish on Saturday thanks to the latest of penalty goals by Dave Scully, seem fat-Dwyer, the Bristol director of ed to meet Leeds in every comrugby, did his club no favours petition they play: they lost wheo making the draw yester-15-10 on the day that Wendell day draw. He must prepare Sailor made his second-divifor a tie with London Irish, though at least Bristol are at sion debut (the Australian wing scored five tries in the home. rout of Rugby on Sunday) and A year ago, they made the

meet in the Cheltenham and

Gloucester Cup this month, as and tumbled out of the cup well as in the Tetley's Cup. 14-12. Now, Worcester make Henley's reward, after scoran even shorter journey in ing 100 points against Havant reverse, to Gloucester, from and then beating Rosslyn whom several of their players - Tim Smith, Bruce Fenley, Park, is a trip to Bedford, who Paul Holford, Simon Morris have more immediate prob-- came. This will be another lems: Danny Zaltzman damaged a shoulder against Sarayardstick by which the ambitious second-division club can cens on Sunday, Andy Duke judge its progress. has a broken hand and Scott

short journey to Worcester

Fu celebrates new deal by edging ahead

SNOOKER

By PHIL YATES

MARCO FU, who was runner-up to Stephen Lee in the Grand Prix last month and indisputably the finest prospect to emerge from Asia since James Wanana, signed a three-year contract yesterday with Cuemasters, the most powerful management stable in snooker

Fu, of Hong Kong, joins Stephen Hendry, the six-times world champion, Ken Doher-ty, Mark Williams and Ronnic O'Sullivan as a member of the 20-player group headed by lan Doyle, the most outspoken critic of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, the game's governing

Fu celebrated by opening up a 5-3 lead over Gary Wilkinson in the first round of the Liveroool Victoria United Kingdom championship at the Bournemouth International Centre yesterday.

"I truly believe that Fu, givhis obvious talents. presents the Far East with its best ever chance of capturing the world otle." Doyle, who has been in negotiations with the 20-year-old since July, said. "Marco is the hottest property around. Maybe 1999 will be too early, but I'm convinced he's got the potential to win at the Crucible eventual-

Doyle also confirmed that Fu, the winner of the world under-2l and International Billiards and Snooker Federation world amateur championship last season, has already been the subject of sponsorship and endorsement interest from companies both in the United Kingdom and Asia. Wilkinsom, a gritty individu-

al whose me asured style could easily have fractured Fu's much smoother rhythm, led 3-1 after stealing the fourth frame on the black with a 57 clearance, but he failed to press home this early advan-

Fu accounted for two disjointed frames and also constructed a pair of \$3 breaks during a revival that leaves him needing only four of the remaining nine frames today to secure a meeting with Wattana or Matthew Couch, of

Scunthorpe, in the last 32. Wantana, whose wealth of success in the early Nineties helped fuel the Asian snooker boom that has influenced the emergence of Fu. is in serious danger of stumbling at the opening hurdle. He trails

Couch 6-2 overnight.

Wanana lost his initial contest at the Grand Prix and. standing at No 24 in the provisional world rankings, is struggling to retain his top-lo status next season. Couch exploited his opponent's shortage of confidence to lead 4-0 before Wattana won the next two frames.

Having opened the scoring in the seventh frame with a run of 45, Wanana's recovery looked set to continue, but, with positional considerations clouding his thought process-es, he missed a red. Couch replied with 85 and added the eighth to restore his fourframe cushion. Those who believed that the

back Injury sustained by Jimmy White would be equally troublesome to that of Michael Atherton, the England cricketer, were proved wrong as he established a 6-2 lead over Jon Birch, of Middlesbrough White compiled breaks of 57, 81 and 52. He was left requiring three more frames to avenge his defeat by Birch, a fitted kitchen salesman, in the final qualifying round of the International two

months ago. Gerard Green, the world No 59, from Rainham, who unexpectedly reached the quar-ter-finals of this competition last year, had runs of 136, a total clearance, and 114 in impressively building a 5-3 firstsession lead over Graeme Dott.



White shrugged off a back injury to lead Birch 6-2

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL: UNFANCIED ATLANTA SEND TREMOR THROUGH SAN FRANCISCO

Falcons soar to new heights

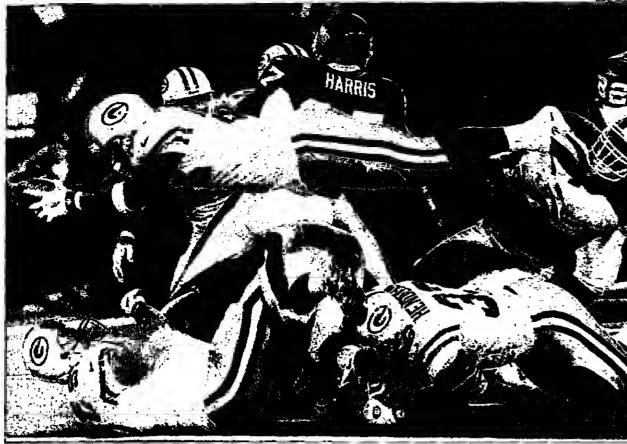
DAN REEVES, the Atlanta Falcons coach, had told his players that they would remain second-class citizens of the National Football League (NFL) until they could beat their more celebrated divisional rivals, the San Francisco 49ers. On Sunday, the Falcons duly recorded the victory that confirmed they had left Skid Row behind.

Atlanta's convincing 31-19 win over the 49ers in the rarefied atmosphere of the Georgia Dome emphasised the lat-est shifts in the ever-changing topography of the NFL in general and the National Football Conference (NFC) in particular. The drafting and merchandising system is designed to promote equity and the suc-cess of teams like the Falcons this season is proof of how well it can work.

Just as the Minnesota Vikings have surprised everybody by taking the NFC Central division by storm. even beating the Green Bay Packers in the process, so the Falcons have upset the established order Western division.

The 49ers have won 13 of the past 17 NFC West titles, but their defeat by the Falcons on Sunday meant that they slipped to second place in the table for the first time this season, one game back from their opponents and staring at the possibility of having to qualify for the play-offs through one of the wild-card spots.

Steve Young, the increasingly world-weary San Francisco quarterback, was sacked four times by the Falcons defense. one of which led to a fumble and an Atlanta touchdown. They capitalised on that



Darick Holmes, the Green Bay Packers running back, dives into the end zone for a touchdown against the New York Giants

turnover." Steve Mariucci, the San Francisco coach, said. We have a team that can come back from a deficit, but we need to stop putting ourselves in a position where we are playing catch-up all the

Even though Young managed to orchestrate a fourthquarter rally. Atlanta sealed the match when Chris Chandler, their quarterback, threw a pass to Terance Mathis, the

wide receiver, who escaped the attentions of R. W. McQuarters, the 49ers cornerback, to complete the touchdown.

Reeves, who took the Denver Broncos to three Super Bowl appearances and coached the New York Giants before moving to Atlanta, has another winning side on his hands. "I'm really proud of our team." he said. "It was exciting having a sell-out-crowd in here today. The differ-

ence between winning and losing in this league can be so small and the supporters made the difference."

With the Denver Broncos idle, the Vikings improved their record to 9-1 when they crushed the Cincinnati Bengals 24-3. The biggest surprise of the weekend was the Indianapolis Colts' win over the New York Jets, but the best individual performances came in the Dallas Cowboys' 35-28 victory

Jake Plummer, the Cardinals quarterback, threw for 465 vards and three muchdowns. but was still overshadowed by Emmitt Smith, the Dallas running back. Smith scored three touch downs to move ahead of two of

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the greatest names in the sport. Jim Brown and Walter Payton, into third place in alltime touchdowns list. He now

TENNIS: RESURGENT GRAF SEEKS GARDEN PARTY WITH THIRD SUCCESSIVE TITLE

Hingis thinks big in chase to the finish

THE holidays are just one week away and the egos and the injuries have rolled into town for the Chase Championships, the end-of-term jamboree that sorts out the best from the rest. With \$2 million (about £1.2 million) in prizemoney and nearly double the usual ranking points availa-ble, there is much at stake for the top 16 women in the world, but, if it all goes horribly wrong, there is always the consolation of the annual vacation starting a few days early. The egos may be large, but so are the rewards, and somehow losing does not seem to hurt so much at Madi-

son Square Garden. Lindsay Davenport knows that she has only to win her first-round match tomorrow. against Sandrine Testud, for her to finish the year as world No I. Even if she falters. MarFROM ALIX RAMSAY IN NEW YORK

tina Hingis, the No 2, has an awful lot of work to do to overtake her. Should Davemort lose, Hingis must win the title, beating Mary Pierce. Arantxa Sánchez Vicario and Jana Novotna to gain maxi-

mum bonus points. This year, Hingis has struggled with the players she describes as "the big girls" and she does not enjoy having to look up to them, in every sense. Their bodies are bigger than mine and they've is said. "I have to be more dever and faster than them." Her tactical brain was never in doubt last year, but, 12 months on, the spark has gone.

"Sometimes when you're over-confident, you lose your focus," she said, although she also pointed out that a little

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humiliation can sharpen the resolve. "It does bug me being No 2," she said, "Right now, Lindsay is better than me and I want to beat ber. I don't have

this feeling about anyone else. "When you are used to being a champion, it's like a drug - you want to be there

RANKINGS

Tim Henman has climbed a place to No 9 in the world rankings, equalling his highest placing. Greg Rusedski remains at No 11.

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Ketelnitov (Russ) 2,483; 11, G Rusedski
(GB) 2,450; 12, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 2,137, 13,
P Korda (Cr) 2,114; 14, A Costa Sp) 1,823;
15, M Philippouses (Aux) 1,792, 16, T Martin
(US) 1,774, 17, T J othersson (Sw) 1,761;
18, C Politer (Fr) 1,710; 19, J Stermank
(Hol) 1,889; 20, F Montilia (Sp) 1,643. ANTELL CONTRACTOR

b) Claret produced in Pauil-

lac. Pauillac is the name of a commune in the department of the Gironde in

France. It produces a

(c) A person employed to

identify and eliminate inferior plants in a crop, especially of potatoes. A rogue

potato is the same meta-

phor as a rogue elephant.

(c) An Italian cheese made from ewes' milk. Pecorina is the Italian for sheep.

(a) A hut or shack made of oddments of wood, corru-

gated iron, etc. A mean house or hovel, especially one inhabited by non-whites. The Afrikaans word, from the Malay.

ANSWER TO WINNING MOVE 1 Rxe5! fxe5; 2 Rxf5+! Kg7 (2

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Qf6+ Kh7; 4 Qh4+ Kg7; 5

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again and again, I haven't won a tournament since May and, believe me, it would be nice to walk away from 1998 with a win." Walking, however, seems to

be an increasingly difficult.

task for many of the players after 11 months on the road. Venus Williams's knee served only to carry her out of the tournament before it had begun. Testud's knees are not much better, Novotna is getting over a bad back, Hingis ankle while Steffi Graf, whose body appears to have been held together with string and Sellotape for the past few years, is coming back after wrist surgery.

To make matters worse, she had to have treatment on her back while she was beating

Davenport in the final of the WTA Tour event in Philadelphia on Sunday.

Still, Graf is on a roll. She has won two consecutive tournaments since ber return and last week trounced Hingis. By winning on Sunday, she became the first unseeded player to beat the world No I and No2 in a week, not that Graf is your run-of-the-mill unseeded nobody.

On the rare occasions this year when she has been fit enough to play, she has had the better of Davenport, her beating her on the way to the title in New Haven during the summer as well as on Sunday. She opens her account today against Novotna. For Graf. at least, after a year of sitting on the sidelines, the holidays can wait - it is time for battle to



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SUTTER HOME CALIFORNIA WINES. They don't need food to make sense.

TELEVISION CHOICE

Leaving the lap of luxury

Back to the Floor BBC2, 9.00pm

The latest boss to experience life at his company's sharp end is Tony Pidgley, a self-made multimul-lionaire whose wealth has come from building lionaire whose wealth has come from building luxury homes. For the purposes of the film he goes to work on one of his building sites, a £300 million development in Central London which must be finished in five days. Pidgley happily rolls up his sleeves and wields a shovel but finds himself spending most of his time pacifying dissatisfied customers. A litary of complaints, from windows difficult to open, showers installed too high and toilets that won't flush, sends him to the customer care department. This comprises one man and a scruffy little office, so different from the glossy scruffy little office, so different from the glossy sales suite. Those of us with our own aftercare horror stories trust wish that more Pidgleys would return to the shop floor.

Cutting Edge: Men At 50 Channel 4, 9.00pm

Brian Hill's film is built around the thoughts and experiences of some of the 900 men born on the same day 50 years ago as the Prince of Wales. The group is so randomly chosen that aimost the only thing in common apart from their birthdays is that none will ascend to the throne. Not that any of them admits to envying the Prince of Wales, particularly in having his future mapped out for him from the minute he was born. But Robin, for one, is entitled to wonder why life has treated him so hadly. He was born with cerebral palsy, is bitter at being trapped inside a useless body and feels he has achieved so little in his 50 years compared with ordinary men. The others have more mixed tales to tell, but unlike the Prince of Wales they have been able to suffer private pain (a divorce, the loss of a loved one) away from the public gaze.

Young Persoo's Guide to Becoming a Rock Star Channel 4, 10.00pm

Bryan Elsley's drama of a Glasgow rock band continues to supply a lively mixture of good jokes and well-aimed jibes at the music industry. And PC-warchers will note that there is more male nudity than female, not least when Jez (Ciaran McMenamin), the band's lead singer, embarks on a na-



Verge, a self-confessed old-fashioned man, features in in Men at 50 (Channel 4, 9pm)

ked guitar solo in full view not only of his new recruit, the delectable Fiona (Simone Lahbib), but most of the neighbourhood. The running gag about young Jez being musically less subversive than his middle-aged, but soll very heavy metal parents, continues to flourish, while the band's attempt to sack one manager and try to find themselves another is rousingly plotted. Kirsty Wark makes the first of several celebrity cameos.

Wrappers BBC2, 10.20pm

Breakfast cereals are the first topic for a series of ten-minute films exploring domestic life in Britain through popular brands. When today's average family has six boxes of cereal in the cupboard, it is hard to believe there was a time when the only breakfast was of the cooked variety. The programme is full of such information. Hands up who knew that ready-to-eat cereals were invented by doctors in American sanitoriums as a nutritious and easy to digest food for invalids? The first to cross the Atlantic was Force, with its Sunny Jim character and, anocipating later trends, free gifts and loyalty points. Cereals took off here in the 1950s, helped by the arrival of the supermarket, and packaging got brighter and stronger to attract the shopper's attendon. The story is told through a brisk collage of advertisements, archive film and first-hand memories.

Peter Waymark first-hand memories.

Kate (Lesley Nicol and Sarah Brigham), who live together one one side of the river, and Jack (Geoff Hinsliff), who is Carol's father and lives on the

south bank. Today's play, Mudlark, is Kate's story and concerns the tensions that arise between moth-

er and daughter when Carol and Kate are forced to

leave their home and return to Jack's side of the riv-

er. The teenaged Kate rises to the challenge but Carol feels increasingly excluded by her daughter's independent lifestyle.

Peter Barnard

BBC WORLD SERVICE

5.00em The World Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off The Shelf-Hemingway Short Stones 7.30 Chill Out 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for Thoughi 8.15 Concert Half 9.00 News, (648 artly) News in German 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 To Be Continued 9.30 Plays In Focus: School for Scandal 9.45 Sports Round-Up 1.0.00 Newsdesk 10.30 On Screen 17.00 Newsdesk 11.30 The Idea of the City 12.00News 12.05pm World Business Report 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Health Matters 12.45 Sports Round-Up 1.00 Newshout 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Multitrack Hit List 3.00 News, (648 only) News in German 3.05 Sports Round-Up 3.15 Westway 3.30 The Greenfield Collection 4.00 News 4.15 Soundbyte 4.30 Insight, (648 only) News in German 4.45 Britain Today 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sports Round-Up 6.00 News Summary 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Pause for Thought 7.30 Megamo 8.00 Newshout 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 Mendian Live 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Insight 10.45 Sports Round-Up 11.00 News 11.05 Outlook 11.30 Megamix 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30em Early Versions 12.45 Britain Today 1.00 Newsdesk 12.30em Early Versions 12.45 Britain Today 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Discovery 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Meridian Live 3.00 News 3.05 World Business Report 3.15 Sports Round-Up 3.30 One Planet 4.00 The World Today

RADIO CHOICE

Afternoon Play: The Wroog Side of the River Wonderland Girls Radio 4, 2.15pm Radio 4, 1130am Start of a trilogy of plays, tunning until Thursday, written by Mary Cooper and Peter Spafford and set on either side of a river in northern England, the water having a symbolic role in all three plays. The main characters are Carol and her daughter. Kate II select Nirol and Sarah Brigham, who live

A new series of the office comedy by Marianne Carry set in Edinburgh, where the wheels of the na-tion's mighty life assurance industry grind and clat-There is more clatter than grind at Lothian Rock Investments, whose marketing department works to an interesting philosophy: betraval, criminal activities, tragic death and serious misconduct... no heartbreak is so great that it can't be turned into a unique selling opportunity. Fiona Bell, Gayanne Potter, Monica Gibb and Jenny Ryan star as the staff with a sceptical view of management policy. Part of the show's strength lies in its ever-widening plot horizons, which this week encompass the arrival of everyone from management consultants to a charismaoc New Age guru.

RADIO 1 (BBC)

6.30mm Zoe Ball 9.00 Smon Mayo 12.00 Kevin Greening 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Radolffle 4.00 Chris Moyles 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce. Charlinds 8.00 The Evening Session 10.00 Digital Update 10,10 John Peel 12.00 The Breszeblock 2.00sm Clive Warren 4.00 Scott Mills

RADIO 2 (BBC)

6.00em Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Richard Alfrison 12.00 John Invendele 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Kin's Classical World (7/8) 8.00 Migal Ogden. News from the keyboard world 9.00 Right Monkey, Profile of Al Read, featuring his classic radio routines and interviews 10.00 Cole Poner: Night and Day (3/7) 10,30 Nicky Home 12.00 Kartina Leskanich 3.00em Alex Lester

RAOIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00em Morning Reports 6.00 Breakfast with Julian Worncker and Victoria Derbyshire 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Drive 7.00 News Edra 7.30 The Tuesday Match, Russell Fuller presents coverage of the night's action 10.00 Late Night Live with Nick Robinson 1.00em Up All Night with Phod Sharp

VIRGIN

6.30am Jonathan Ross 9.30 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick

Abbot 4.00 Bobby Hain 7.30 Hamel Scott 10.00 Mark Forrest 1.00am James Mentil 4.30 Jeremy Cark

TALK RADIO

Chisholm 11.00 Lorraine Kelly 1.00pm Anna Raebum 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Nack Abbol 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins and the Creatures of the Night

CLASSIC FM

6.00mm Nick Batey's Easer Brealdast, Soothing music and information updates 8.00 Henry Kelly. The Half of Fame and Record of the Week 12.00 Lunchtime Requests, Jane Jones introduces Islanes's Tayourdes 2.00pm Concerto. Prokoley (Violin Concerto No 2 in G minor) 3.00 Jamie Crick, Continuous (Violin Concerto No 2 in G minor) 3.00 Jamile Cinck. Continuous Classics and Alternoon Romance 6.30 Newsnight. Updates, with John Brunning 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven John Brunning introduces classical sounds 9.00 Evening Concert. Sibelius (Press Celetrations Music), Wagner (Parisial Preticite Act 1), Sibelius (Symphony No 7 in C); Palestina (Missa Papae Marcell) 11.00 Mann at Night. Music through till the small hours 2.00am Concerto(r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths with the Early Brasitiast Show

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6.00am On Air with Stephanie Hughes, Includes Ravel | Daphnis and Chloe Suite No 2); Bustehude (Sonata in G for two violins, viola da gamba and basso continuo, BuxWV253). Dvorak (Two Waltzes)
9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday. Schumann

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10.30 Artist of the Weelc Chartes Mackerras
11.00 Sound Stories Peggy Reynolds presents a profite of Fariny Burney
12.00pm Composer of the Weelc Brahms
1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert Live Irom Studio 1, Broadcasting House, Beltast Lloachim Trio: Rebecca Hirsch, volan, Caroline Dearnley, cello, John Leneban, piano, Haydin (Piano Trio in

cello, John Lenehan, piano, Haydh (Piano Trio in C, H XV 21); Ovorak (Prano Trio No 3 in F minor,

Op 65)
2.00 The BBC Orchestras Ulster Orchestra under Vernon Handley and Takuo Yuasa, with Thomas Bowes, viofin, Brahms (Tragic Ovarture); Parry (Elegy for Brahms); Brahms (Serenade No 2 in A); Szymanoski (Viofin Concerto No 2); Schumann (Symphony No 3 m E flat, Rhenish)

4.00 Voices with lain Burnside (r)
4.45 Music Machine The composer John Woolnch talks to Verify Sharp about his new cello concerto 5.00 In Tune With Sean Rafferty, including a report from Adelaide as Jeffrey Tals conducts the first Australian production of Wagner's Ring cycle
7.45 Performance on 3 (Sounding the Century) Live from the Ouean's Half, Edinburgh, continuing a season of chamber recitals, introduced by Linda Ormiston, Peter Donohoe and Martin Roscoe, planos, Arensky (Surle No 1 in F, Op 15): Tchalkovsky, transcr Rachmaninov (Sleeping Beauty) 8.20 Adultery and Other Diversions. Four interval programmes in which novelist Tim Parks reads from his new collection of essays 8.40 Rimsky-Korsakov (Scheherazade)
9.40 Postscript:The Man with a Gun (2/5)
10.05 BBC Symphony Orchestra (Sounding the Century) Conductor Oliver Knussen, with Valdine Anderson, soprano. Berg (Surte: Luly)
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10.45 Night Waves Richard Coles explores the history of music censorship and its existence today

11.30 Jazz Notes Alyn Shipton presents the first of two programmes teaturing Carol Kidd in performance

12.00am Composer of the Week: Debussy (r)

1.00 Through the Night with Donald Macleod

5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast
5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day
5.47 Farming Today with Charlotte Smith
6.00 Today Introduced by Sue MacGregor and James
Naugrite, Including Thought for the Day, with
Akhandadi Das
8.35 (LW) Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 The Choice Michael Buerk prolifes people who've
made momentous decisions
9.30 First Nights Sara Parker profiles a woman
determined to futfil her lifelong ambition to
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9.45 (LW) Daily Service
9.45 (FM) Seriat: Alistelir Cooke: A Celebration
10.00 Woman's Hour with Martha Keamey
11.00 Nature: Bees in the Desert Geny Northam traces the history and conservation of bees in Arizona's Sonora Desert II)
11.30 Wonderfand Girls Comedy drama lollowing the departmental determinas in an Edinburgh insurance company, by Mananne Carey. See Choice (II/5)
12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast
12.00 (FM) News
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1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke
1.30 Quote — Unquote Biti Corton, Alison Mitchell, Peter Nichols and Simon Williams pit lifer wits in the quotation panel game Chaired by Nigel Rees
2.00 The Archers (r)
2.15 The Wrong Side of the River The first of Three plays by Mary Cooper and Peter Spationd, with Geoff Hinstit, Lesley Nichol and Sarah Brigham Sez Choice (1/3)
3.00 The Exchange Call 0171-580 4444
3.30 Revenget lan Peacock asks whether revenge should ever be seen as divine retribution (2/5)

3.45 Revengel - Jim's Angel by Kate Saunders
4.00 A Good Read Sarsh LeFanu Invites the Rt Rev
Peter Firth and Judith Palmer, literature officer at
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the South Bank Centre, to choose three favourite paperbacks
4.30 Shop Talk Presented by Heather Payton
5.00 PM Presented by Clare English and Chins Lowe
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.39 Radio Shuttleworth Graham Feflows, in the guise of singer-songwiter John Shuttleworth, unites Patinck Moore to study the strange red glow which appears in the evening outside the bay window of his Sheffield front room
7.00 The Archers 7.15 Front Row The nightly arts programme, with Mark Lawson
7.45 Still Waters by Ann Marie Di Marinbro and Robert Paterson (I)

8.00 File on 4 Topical issues from at home and 8.40 in Touch Peter White with news for visually

abroad

8.40 In Touch Peter White with news for visually impaired people

9.00 Case Notes Graham Easton discovers how the body clock affects an individual's well-being

9.30 The Choice with Michael Buerk (r)

10.00 The World Tonight with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Le Grand Meautines by Alain-Fournier (7/10) (r)

11.00 Late Night on 4: The Now Show Stand-up comedy, hosted by Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis, with Dan Freedman, Nick Romero, David Ouantick, Jaine Bussmann and Simon Murinery (r)

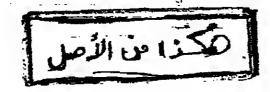
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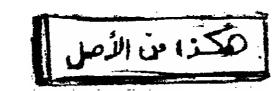
11.30 (FM) Talking Pictures Russell Davies presents the weekly guide to films and film-going

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: A Man in Foll Part two of Tom Wolle's new novel, read by William Hoothins

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by lan Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and





Where did all these sex experts come from?

why sperm are so small? I musi be because a man produces 12 million of them an hour, a figure I learnt last night from Helen Fisher, an anthropologist at Rutgers University. That means that even if they were the size of, say, a lentil, men would be spending most of their day feverishly thinking of ways to expel these burdensome 12 million lentils from their body. Which is pretty much what men spend most of their day doing anyway, according to Fisher and all the other specialists we saw in Anatomy of Desire, Channel 4's new "frank and fascinating" four-part series

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This first programme, about how it's all down to instinct "Nature made me do it, Your Honour!"), was full of frank, fascinating, and often alarming, snippets of information, such as the fact - this one provided by

the University of Texas - that: Men tend to have more sexual fantasies than women; roughly twice as many per day as women." Whot ore these women thinking obout? If women had even one tenth of men's daily quota of sexual fantasies they would be very sick human beings, but half! Can women truly manage that many each day? Bear in mind that there are men out there who will happily experience sexual fantasies just

from walking past a greengrocer's. The most intriguing question in such documentaries is often: how did these experts get into sexual academic research? Your career officer never mentions it, but if you watch television regularly and see how many sex-related documentaries there are now, and how many sex experts can be summoned to shed light on our sexual behaviour, you'd know that there must be more people involved in aca-

David Buss, a psychologist from demic sex research than there are accountants. Only it's a lot more fun than accountancy, because much of the job involves thinking up improbable research projects using government money. Do Duich taxpayers know that they may have paid for Ellen Laan, a psychologist at the University of Amsterdam, to monitor young women as they watched porno movies with a probe inserted into the vagina (don't ask)?

> nd are the burghers of A Vienna aware una Crammar, their neigh-Vienna aware that Dr Karl bourhood ethologist, is using money that could be spent on building a monument to Kurt Waldheim on getting women to sniff sweaty men's T-shirts so that he can prove that: "Females dislike male smell. But they lose this negative emotional attitude towards male smell at the point of ovulation? Can you imagine it?

REVIEW

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Swarms of non-ovulating women all swearing they wouldn't give that sweaty Leonardo DiCaprio or Jack Nicholson the time of day if he made a pass at them. This is very worrying, because if nonovulating women are going around having half as many sexual fantasies as men have, and if these fantasies do not involve Leonardo DiCaprio or Jack Nicholson, they must be scary enough to blow Kenneth Starr's footnotes clean away.

Dr Grammar, who may be some sort of fearless satirist -Vienna's Chris Morris — even dreamt up an experiment in which he made men inhale the aroma of vaginal mucus while they assessed the attractiveness of various females. Grammar must spend large portions of his life slapping his forehead and telling friends: "I never thought that they'd fall for the vaginal mucus experiment, but they did! Now, do you think I can get away with a new sexual research programme involving farm animals and ripe fruit?"

In Sound Stories (BBC2). Franco Sartori, who owns a sandwich bar in London, engineered a novel twist on the concept of singing for your supper: Sartori sings while making sandwiches and coffee for his customers. Sartori, a likeable chap, wants to be the next Caruso. He uses his café as a rehearsal studio. His wife wiches rather than music, he looks would rather he look up painting. His mother would rather he concentrated on the business and looking after his family.

This upsets Sartori, who tells us: "There's an Italian say-▲ ing — 'Sometimes the bird in the cage doesn't always sing 'cos he's happy. Sometimes he can sing because he's unhappy'." His customers don't get a chance to say honestly what they feel about being serenaded, but he might find out if one of them walked in one hunchtime and asked him for a "chicken and avocado, and avocado, and avocado, chicken and avocado, on wholewheat toast. Yes, toast! Yes, toast! Yes I did say toast. And hold the, hold the, I said ho-ol-ol-ol-old the mayo'. The may-o-o-o-o! And an apple please, Franco."

But however frustrated Sartori feels with having to make sandas though he gets more fun out of each day than the Prince of Wales gets out of a fortnight. In Now One is 50: Charles Windsor's School Days, Channel 4 was fulfilling its public service obligations by reminding us how lucky we all are not to have been born a royal.

The most recent contribution from Chazza himself was a 1980 radio interview in which he referred to his old school, Gordonstoun, as "no holiday camp, I assure you. In fact, all this talk about privileged education is rubbish. (think, because it's privi-leged in the sense of the privilege of being abused". If Dr Grammar or Ellen Laan or David Buss ever get a grant to study HRH, let's hope Channel 4 is patriotic enough not to broadcast the findings.

 Yesterday's review, by Paul Hoggart, was incorrectly credited to Joe Joseph

BBC 6.00am Business Breakfast (93456) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (63630) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (8516611)

9.40 Style Challenge (9359562) 10.05 City Hospital (9493475) 10.55 News (T) and weather (9253659) 11.00 Real Rooms (9263036) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (9266123) 11.55 News (T) (7567938)

12.00 Pass the Buck (4894833) 12.25pm Going for a Song (4873340) 12.50 The Weather Show (T) (58916712)

1.00 News (T) and weather (73017) 1.30 Regional News (T) (73226494) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (67838611) 2.05 Ironside (1) (9098901) 2.55 Wipeout

3.25 Playdays (f) (6954678) 3.45 Bananaman (f) (T) (8449920) 3.50 ChuckleVision (f) (2392949) 4.10 Noah's Island (T) (9150562) 4.35 It'll Never Work, New science and invention series (1) (7720291) 5.00 Newsround (T) (4451901) 5.10 Byker Grove (T) (5773098)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (256543) 6.00 News (1) and weather (291) 6.30 Regional News (T) (543)

7.00 Celebrity Ready, Steady, Cook England goalkeeper David Seaman and snooker's John Virgo assist chefs Paul Rankin and Nick Naim in the cullnary challenge (T) (8185)

7.30 EastEnders Alex's get-together falls to match up to expectations (T) (727)

8.00 Holiday Mary Nightingale goes heli-hiking in the Canadian Selkirks and Rockies; Sally Magnusson takes her five children to a seven-storey water tower in Juffolk; a luxury resort in Berbados; and Majorca's northern regions (T) (7833)

d: 0 Mysteries with Carol Vorderman What caused 400 people to suddenly fail lil during an animal parade, battling medical science with their inexplicable symptoms? (T) (6340)

9.00 News (T) and weather (2630)

Harrison Ford reprises his role as former CIA analyst Jack Ryan In a thriller based on the novel by Tom Clancy. Directed by Philip Noyce (36313630) WALES: 9.30 Week in Week Out (89494) 10.00 Know Your Poison (813814) 10.15 FAW Premiership Cup: Merthyr Tydfil v Cardiff City: Barry Town v Swansea City (274369) 11.05 FILM; Clear and Present Danger (27841920) 1.20am The Corrs at the Commonwealth (8352383) 1.55 Fil.M: Let it Ride (8144296) 3.20 News

(93230609) 3.25 BBC News 24 11.45 The Corrs at the Commonwealth Another chance to see the frish pop group's musical contribution to the closing ceremony of the Commonwealth Games (981727)

12.20am Let it Ride (1989) Comedy, with Richard Dreyfuss, Teri Garr and Robbie Coltrane. A compulsive gambler believes he's finally found a sure-fire winner at a Florida racetrack (6261673) .45 Weather (1540383)

1.50 BBC News 24

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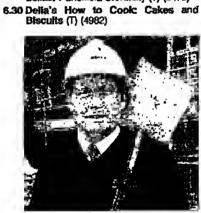
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4.00 Change That (3587524) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (3580611) 4.55 Lowri (T) (5355185) 5.30 Celebrity Today's the Day (T) (920)

6,00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (r) (T) (649630)6.20 Heartbreak High (T) (509104)

7.10 The O Zone The work of the Prince's Trust in the music industry; the Corrs; and Kavana (r) (749524) 7.30 From the Edge New series of reports for

the disabled. The practicality of vans converted for disabled drivers (T) (369) 8.00 University Challenge Queen's College Belfast v Sheffield University (T) (5475)



Tony Pidgley Joins his workers on a building site in Central London (9pm)

9.00 Back to the Floor: Back on Site Multimilionaire housebuilder Tony Pidgley spends a week on the building site (T) (3712)

9.30 Modern Times: The Minders Profile of Iraqi security officers, Kifa and Alia, who look after the hundreds of foreign journalists covering the crisis over non-cooperation with UN monitors (T) (580272)

10.20 Wrappers (704727) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (779524) 11.15 Seinfeld (T) (537185) 11.40 The Larry Sanders Show (T) (849727) 12.00 Despatch Box (7486234)

12.30 Learning Zone: The Growing Child (57321) 1.00 Danger: Children at Play (55483) 1.30 Children and New Technology (40234) -2.00 Technology (55321) 3.00 Seeing Through Science (31960) 4.00 Italianissimo (30673) 5.00 Survival Skills (2933895) 5.45 O U: Our Invisible Sun (26031)

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9.25 Trisha (T) (1620140) 10.15 This Morning Music is provided by South Africa's Ladysmith Black Mambazo (T) (314369)

12.15pm HTV News (3695727) 12.30 News (T) and weather (61098) 1.00 Shortland Street (68185) 1.30 Home

and Away (T) (60369) 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (7047479) 2.40 Dale's Supermarket Sweep (T) (2294678) 3.10 News (T) (7702562) 3.15 Regional News (7701833)

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5.10 Along the Cotswold Way (4687104) 5.40 News (T) and weather (162765) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (565104) 6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight (753098) 6.25 HTV Weather (166982) 6.30 The West Tonight (611)

7.00 Emmerdale Lisa learns the shocking truth about Mandy and Butch (T) (3253) 7.30 WALES: Your Century (123) 7.30 Take 3 (123) 8.00 The Bill Rawton is determined to find out

how a video of a child giving evidence ended up in a sex club (T) (3475) 9.00 Grafters (4/8) Back in Newcastle, family matters over shadow Joe and Trevor's differences (T) (3611)

10.00 News (T) and weather (39901)

10.30 Regional News and (892524)



in a classic horror tale (10.40pm)

10.40 Bram Stoker's Dracula (1992) with Gary Oldman, Winona Ryder and Keanu Reeves. A young lawyer is sent to Dracula's castle to finalise e land deal. When the count sees a picture of the lawyer's fiancée, who resembles his dead wife, he imprisons the lawyer and sets off to track her down. Directed by Francis Ford Coppola (T) (46793340) 1.00am The Haunted Fishtank (65429)

1.30 Planet Rock Profiles The Presidents of the USA (37760)

2.00 Best of British Motor Sport The GT Championship, the Porsche Cup and the British Formula Three championship (74708)

2.30 East Side Kids (1940) with Harris Berger and Hally Chester. Slum kids take on counterfeiters (8673673) 3.40 Football Extra (3122692)

4.35 Cybernet (78280586) 5.00 ITV Nightscreen (79760) 5.30 News (74586)

CENTRAL

5.20 Asian Eye (3796128)

As HTV West except: 1.00pm Echo Point (68185) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (9792982) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4687104) 6.25-7.00 Central News (753098) 7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (123) 2.30am FILM: The Black Rider (8682321) 3.35 Football Leagua Extra (3107383) 4.30 Central Jobfindar '98 (5711627)

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7.30-8.00 Bygone Days (123) *SAC Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (56340)

9.00 Science in Focus (5872098) 9.20 Book Box Poetry (5612746) 9.30 Eurekal (8428901)

9.45 Stop, Look, Listen (8423456) 10.00 The Number Crew (4300369)

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11.00 First Edition (4128611) 11.15 Stage One (4141562)

11.30 Powerhouse (6833) 12,00pm The Ramayana (36814)

12.30 Sesame Street (52340) 1.00 Planed Plant (98132369) 1.15 Ciwc (98120524) 1.30 Profile: Olivier (59304123)

1.35 Profile: Laurel and Hardy (73218475) 1.45 FILM: Gaby (64648235) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (807)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (524) 4.30 Ricki Lake (956) 5.30 Countdown (388)

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10.00 Brookside (661494) 10.35 Now One is 50 (542307) 11.35 Kiss Kiss Bang Bang (743494) 12.20am Prime Suspect (72318505)

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1.50 The Bride Came C.O.D. (1941)
Romantic larce with James Cagney and Eugene Pallette. Directed by William Keighley (T) (94557340) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (807) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (524) 4.30 Countdown (7714630)

4.55 Ricki Lake: Matchmaking twins with twins (T) (5340253) 5.30 Pet Rescue Roadshow The RAF Waddington police dog display team; and a terrapin who got off to a bad start

(T) (388) 6.00 Harry Hill (r) (T) (901) 6.30 King of the Hill (r) (T) (253) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (461122)

7.55 Talking Heads (2/4) Life in schools today (T) (533185) 6.00 Brookside Peter is in a panic when the vicar tella him he can't wait; Susannah provides the waiting congregation with something to gossip about (T) (4253)

8.30 Driven (6/8) Motoring magazine (T) 9.00 Cutting Edge: Men et 50 Brian Hill's documentary on

five men born on the same day as the Prince of Wales (T) (1253) 10.00 Becoming a Rock Star: Creating the Buzz Fiona is recruited to

Join the band (T) (2/6) (271272) 10.45 Friends Monica's new boyfriend wins the



George Clooney joins Charlle Higson to talk about his new film (11.15pm)

11.15 Kiss Kiss Bang Bang (T) George Clooney on his new movia, Out of Sight

12.00 The Bank, the President and the Pearl of Africa (1/2) Documentary on the World Bank (T) (68654) 1.00am Joe Public (1) (1627876)

1.45 Homicide: Life on the Street (r) (849906) 2.45 Witness (r) (T) (6248316) 3.40 The Immortal Zugzwang (r)

4.00 Schools: History in Action (T) (732499) 5.45 All About Us (28499)

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6.00am 5 News and Sport (2773388) 7.00 am 5 News and Sport (277338) 7.00 WideWorld (r) (T) (6439765) 7.30 Milkshake! (6119497) 7.35 What-A-Mess (1943901) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (2836543) 8.30 Dappledown Farm (2835814)

9.00 The Great Garden Game (r) (T) (7755982) 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (r) (4518678) 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (4755271)

10.20 Sunset Beach (T) (2376307) 11.10 Leeza (r) (9381272) 12.00 5 News at Noon (1) (2839630) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (1) (7777098) 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (1) (6438036) 1.30

Sons and Daughters (7776369) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (5084982) 2.30 Good Afternoon (6406765)

3.30 Resting Place (1986) Drama with John Lithgow, Richard Bradford and Morgan Freeman. A black Vietnam war veteran's burial in an all-white cemetery in

America's Deep South leads to racial tension and a murder investigation. Directed by John Korty (6800663)

5,20 The Roseanne Show (8466553) 6.00 100 Per Cent (5599746) 6.30 Family Attairs (T) (5580098)

7.00 5 News (T) (5095098) 7.30 Wild World A look at a rehabilitation centre in Borneo for orphan orang-utans



Charlotte Hudson exposes a range of counterfeit goods (8pm)

8.00 Are You Being Chested? (2/10) Series looking at fraudulent behaviour. Tonight: counterfeit goods (T) (5004746)

8.30 Perfect Partners — What's the Story? The latest approaches to finding and keeping the perfect partner (5083253) 9.00 DNA (1997) Drama with Mark Dacascos

and Jurgen Prochnow. A rogue scientist infiltrates an archaeological dig in Borneo, plotting to recreate an unknown creature using DNA from excavated bones. William Mesa directs (81263949) 10.50 The Jack Docherty Show (8266611)

11.30 The Streets of San Francisco A street (T) (3144494) 12.30am Live and Dangerous Live sports

magazine, Includes international rugby union; motor racing; and Aslan football 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (2898789) 5.30 100 Per Cent (i) (1732470)

• For further listings see Saturday's Vision

7.00em The Simpsons (14388) 7.30 The Chris Evens Breaklast Show (15611) 8.30 Hollywood Squares (92494) 9.00 Gulfly (6456) 18.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (22307) 11.00 Oprain (5625) 12.00 The Chris Evans Breaklast Show (1203982) 12.55pm The Special K Collection (38463901) 1.00 Christop (20055748) 1.55 The The Special K Collection (38463901) 1.00 Days of Our Lives (3565748) 1.55 The Special K Collection (8738765) 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (8151307) 2.55 The Special K Collection (48914941 3.00 Jenny Jones (4307217) 3.55 The Special K Collection (2887272) 4.00 Guilly (40122) 5.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (6494) 6.00 Marriad with Children (8727) 6.30 Dream Team (2307) 7.00 The Simpsons (7123) 7.30 Real TV (1291) 6.00 Specid (3543) 8.30 Coppers (3678) 9.00 Police Stopl 8 (41272) 10.00 biza Uncovered (5169) 11.00 Dream Team (90881) 11.30 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (70253) 12.30tom Renegade (71147) 1.30 Long Play (4213925)

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6.00pm Sanjuro (1962) (76506765) 6.00 Ed's Mext Move 11990) (7529611) 10.00 Walking and Talking (1996) (16409562) 11.30 The Wild Search (1989) (3271920)

1.10am City on Fire (1987) (2096895) 3.10 Sanjuro (1962) (9393692) SKY MOVIEMAX 6.00am Ebirah, Horror of the Deep (1965) (30920) 7.30 Westend Reunion (1990) (54185920) 9.15 Shout (1991) (53061765) 11.00 Ebirah, Horror of the (1950) 11.00 EDMSN, Nortor of the Deep (1965) (62366) 1.00pm Weekend Reunion (1990) (67982) 3.00 Loyal Opposition: Terror in the White House (1997) (81389) 5.00 Shout (1991) (79543)

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4.00pm Leophita (1903) (1903) (5) 8.00 Back to Battain (1945) [836753] 10.00 Days of Wine and Roses (1962) (426062) 12.00 The Pope of Greenwich Village (1994) (304857) 2.00sm Wood-stock (1970) (6831654) 9.00pm The Giass Bottom Boat (1966) (21102630) 11.00 Sweet Bird of Youth (1962) (51991765) 1.00am Telefon (1977) (51959789) 0.00 The Glass Bottom Boat (1966) (60511234) 5.00 Close

4.00pm Cleopetra (1963) (7585765) 8.00

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of Golf 1.30 World Motor Sport 6.30 Sports Unlimited 6.30 World Cup of Golf 7.30 Live International Football 10.00 Equestrains in 11.00 World Cup of Golf 12.00 Live US Golf: Grand Slam of Golf 4.00cm Sports SKY SPORTS 3

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UK GOLD

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EastEnders 9.30 The Bill 9.00 The Bill 9.30
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S.00am Power Rangers Turbo 8.30 Power Rangers Turbo 7.00 Mortal Kombat 7.30 Donkey Nong Country 8.00 Goosebumps 8.30 Beetleborgs Metalitis 9.00 Masked Rider 8.30 The Incredible Hull 10.00 Iron Man 10.30 X-Men 11.00 Spiderman 11.30 Ute with Louis 12.00 Ape Ventura 12.30pm Compet. 21.85 Tongstherica 1.00 Sam and Casper 12.45 Toonsylvania 1.00 Sam and Max 1.15 Home to Rent 1.30 The Incredible Hulk 2.00 Iron Man 2.30 X-Men 3.00 Spideman 3.30 Roy and Lisa's Big Ride 3.35 Montal Kombet 4.00 Ace Ventura 8.00 Goosebumps 5.33 Earle, Indiane. The Other Dimension 6.50 Donkey Kong Country 6.30 Mowoff The Jungle Book 7.00 Close

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Hoddle ready to pair experienced duo at Wembley

Dublin defies age concern

By OLIVER HOLT FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

A PANOPLY of bright yellows and startling oranges decorat-ed the training grounds at Bisham Abbey yesterday as the trees began to shed their leaves in earnest. In their shadow, a clutch of players entering the autumn of their careers prepared to grasp the chance that has fallen unex-

pectedly into their path.
In the absence of the injured Alan Shearer and Michael Owen, Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, appears to have decided to transform an internaoonal that was once intended to be a celebration of Eng-land's footballing youth and promise into a tribute night to longevity and the golden oldies of the game.

It seems probable that lan

Wright, who is enjoying a new lease of life at West Ham United, will start the match against the Czech Republic tomorrow at the grand old age of 35 years and 15 days. Alongside him

United's Belgian link Fantasy League Hendrie unruffled ...

may be Dion Dublin, a comparitive youngster at 29 but a striker for whom success and international recognition has come lare in his career.

It is hard to argue against the inclusion of either of them. Dublin, in particular, has been in outstanding form and is playing so well that it would be foolish to bet against him being in contention for a place for the 2002 World Cup, let alone the European championship in Belgium and Holland

the summer after next.

Rather than fading into his dotage, in fact, Dublin seems to be approaching his peak. He has scored five goals for Aston Villa, his new club, in the two games since his £5.75 million move from Coventry City and his recruitment has been hailed as the signing that might enable John Gregory's side to stay the course in the race for the FA Carling

Duolin, who is as dig an influence in the dressing-room as he is on the pitch, a player

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Dublin, marked by Sol Campbell in a training match yesterday, seems likely to lead the England attack against the Czech Republic. Photograph: Gill Allen

who is constantly cajoling and encouraging, who has the ma-turity and stature that many of his peers lack, deserves the chance to establish himself as an international after years of striving to better himself at the margins of the game.

Like Wright, who was a painter and decorator well into his twenoes, Dublin did not have the gilded start to his career than many of today's young players have and he talked compellingly yesterday of his early days earning £80 a hosiery factory and the time when he was sent out on loan

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to King's Lynn when he was a struggling centre forward at Cambridge United. He went through the torrid

times there under John Beck. the cold showers and the mark-ers on the touchlines that the Cambridge players had to aim at when they tried to put the ball into touch as a way of putting the opposition under pressure. He thought he had made it when he was transferred to Manchester United, especially when he scored on his debut, but then a broken rything and he had to start

again at Coventry City.
It is good to sample all the different walks of life in football before you get to this stage," Dublin said. "It is good to experience different standards. It makes you appreciate what you have got when things get better. Wherever I was, though, I always dreamed of playing for England. There is no point in having pointless dreams. When you are playing for Cam-bridge United away at Carlisle, then maybe your main dream is to play in the second

division, not the third, but I al-

ways believed I was capable of

getting to the top.
"Perhaps there was a time a couple of years ago when it was fashionable to have forwards who were a bit quick tricky rather than socalled traditional centre forwards like me who are strong in the air, but you need to have a player like me in the side for when the chips are down and

when you need some grit." The chips are, indeed, down for Hoddle at the moment. He self-inflicted pressure since the start of England's lacklustre European championship qualifying campaign and the match tomorrow should at least provide him with some respite, a breathing space before the crucial meeting with Poland at Wembley on March

The England coach said that he was still considering whether to involve new faces such as Lee Hendrie, a team-mate of Dublin at Villa, from the start, but his hopes of giving Emile Heskey his first international cap suffered yesterday with the news that both he and Paul Scholes are serious doubts because of ankle and hamstring injuries respectively.

In the circumstances, it was hardly surprising that Hoddle, too, was keen to stress the

him out for the character that he had shown in dealing with his lare omission from the England World Cup squad last

"He is a good role model for some of the youngsters com-ing through," Hoddle said.
"He and Wrighty can play as long as they do because they look after themselves and be-cause they love the game. Play-ing is a labour of love for them and that makes it easy. It lets a new set of curtains open up. Dion has suffered a lot of adversity, but he has come through it like a man."

Wright and Dublin have something else in common, too, apparently: a love of the saxophone. For once, though, Dublin was cynical about Wright's commitment. "I've seen his sax," he said. "It looks

McCoy given cane by Jockey Club

By CHRIS McGRATH

TONY McCOY, for thousands of betting shop punters the complete National Hunt jockey, was yesterday banned for 18 days and sent back to school as punishment for excessive

use of the whip.

The Jockey Club's disciplinary committee asked McCoy. who retained his championship with a record 253 winners last season, to attend a day at the British Racing School for instruction in its proper use. This remedial stricture is normally reserved for apprenoces and conditional jockeys.

Aware that this may appear

rather humiliating treatmen of a great champion, the Jockof a great champion, the Jock-ey Club sensibly sugared the pill by restricting McCoy's sus-pension to 14 racing days, with another four deferred for six months. Other jockeys referred to Portman Square in similar circumstances have been banned for up to 30 days. Mc-Coy, sidelined from Thursday, misses the ride on Cyfor Malmisses the ride on Cyfor Malta, favourite for the prestigious Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury on Saturday week.

McCoy has been sufficiently upset by the stewards' disapproval to have spoken angrily, f without much conviction, of bringing his phenomenal career to a premature close. He expressed due contrition, however, when asked about his date at the Racing School. "If it helps to keep me from get-ting suspended. I'm willing to do it." he said. "I had a very fair hearing and hopefully that II be the last time I'll be here for a while. I'll have a good holiday and, when I come back, I'll still be as keen to ride winners as ever -- hopefully without breaking any

McCoy had excited the atten-tion of the Fontwell stewards last Monday, with a characterstically indomitable ride on Bamapour, winner of the Ford Claiming Hurdle. Having served 15 days for four previ-

randicap chase.

ous offences during the past year, he was automatically referred to Portman Square: after conceding yesterday that he had hil Bamapour with excessive frequency, McCoy was doorned to serve a minimum of 14 days.

Almost 6ft tall, McCoy starves himself to ride at 10st including his saddle - compensating with a voracious appetite for winners. So inexorable has been his march to the top of his profession that it is easy to forget that he is still only 23.

He has been perplexed by the stewards' vigilance, hint-



McCoy: back to school

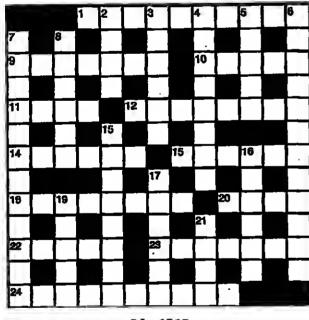
ing at an irascible side to an otherwise appealing nature. On Saturday, after riding Cyfor Malta to success at Cheltenham, he gave expression to his hurt by throwing his whip into

Malcolm Wallace, the Jockey Club director of regulation, said: "Everyone agrees that he's a great jockey, but sometimes he goes over the top and we can't tolerate a win-at-allcosts attitude."

At the Racing School, Mc-Coy will be surrounded by mirrors and video cameras. He will ride an equicisor (mechanical horse) under the supervision of a stewards' secretary.

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FROM ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN CAIRNS hick-town reputation means TOURING Australia has al-

ways presented England cricketers with the ultimate test of temperament on the field, but the abuse traditionally stops there. In Cairns, late on Sunday night, John Crawley fell foul of a different type of attack, one that left his face sufficiently scarred that the England management spent much of yesterday considering further action.

Crawley was attacked by a drunkard while he walked. alone, back to the team hotel, shortly after 11pm. According to a team statement, he was "verbally abused and punched by a man who was drunk". Through falling to the ground, he sustained cuts and bruises to his face.

Crawley, who is by no means one of the nocturnal creatures of the tour party, had been socialising with other members of his own team and the Oueensland players, and was set upon by what the

The assailant may be unknown, but, in Cairns, this type of assault is not. The town management yesterday called in the far north of Queensland "an unknown assailant".
There is no indication that he exists on its tourist business, was picked upon for being an specialising in trips to the England cricketer. Great Barrier Reef, but its



Crawley: a need, perhaps, for head protection off the pitch

that it is not the most comfortable place to be on a weekend night. Gangs roam the streets and stories abound of attacks

on innocent pedestrians. England had been well looked after in Cairns and the four-day game against Oueensland was diligently organised despite a horribly under-prepared pitch, so the attack on Crawley has left a sour taste at the end of what other-

wise has been a happy week. Crawley, who has an even chance of being chosen for the first Test match, starting in Brisbane on Friday, did not appear at the Cazaly's Ground yesterday for the closing stages of England's one-wicket win. Intead, he stayed in the team's quayside hotel, wearing sunglasses over his wounds, but he will resume practice at a fielding session to-

Wimbledon announces record profit

WIMBLEDON has announced record profits of 17 Contagious, deadly disease £33 million for 1998 — a rise of 6.7 per cent on the 1997 fig-ures. The money, which is donated to the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) for the improvement of the British game, was due to increased tel-evision and merchandising income, plus a record 13-day crowd of 424,998, almost 20,000 up on the previous

record.

This year's semi-final between Tim Henman, the British No I, and Pete Sampras. the world No I, attracted an audience of 12 million viewers and was one of the year's top televised sporting events. The LTA also reported in-

creased sales of merchandise

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at the championships, especially featuring Henman and Greg Rusedski, who had to pull out of the tournament because of injury. John Crowther, the LTA

chief executive said: "At a time when Tim and Greg are once again raising the profile of tennis outside the Wimbledon period, we can reflect on the progress of the world's most successful termis tournament and the contribution it makes to the improving health of the game in this country.

"The revenue from the championships enables the LTA to continue its commitment to improve the tennis in-

oon to the world group of the Davis Cup. Britain had also won the Eufrastructure and help more players to a world-class standard. However, the LTA must

also generate other sources of

income in order to sustain the

kind of investment needed to

catch up with other leading

Crowther said that £8.5 mil-

lion had been spent this year

on staging events, tourna-

ments and national coaching

in support of the top 180 play

ers. The year's highlights had

included Henman reaching

the semi-finals at Wimbledon

Rusedski winning a Super Nine event in Paris, both Hen-

man and Rusedski reaching

the top ten in the world and

Great Britain earning promo-

tennis nations in Europe."

ropean men's team championship for the first time in 30 years. Sam Smith, the leading British woman, had broken into the too 100 and eight national squads had been set up with 30 Rover international juniors receiving one-on-one coaching. A total of £9.2 million has been spent this year on improving existing facili-ties and building new tournament venues, county centres and centres of excellence, a further £4.7 million was spent on creating more opportunities to play the sport at grass-roots

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May 16, Newton Abbot: Benned for four days for using whip with "excessive force" in finishing third on Coy Debutante in a bumper. November 9, Fontwell Paric Banned for 18 days for excessive use of whip when riding Barnapour to victory in a claiming hurdle.

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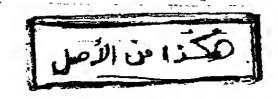
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